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Teachers OK pact...

By AL POST
 MCN Staff Writer

Romulus teachers -- who suffered a black out earlier Tuesday morning in four schools -- voted after 4 p.m. to approve a contract with the Romulus School District.

The blackout at Cory, Wick, Mount Pleasant and the Middle School was caused by an early morning storm.

But the teachers returned and voted to end the six year period without a signed contract. No vote count was offered.

The School Board was scheduled to meet in special session yesterday (at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday) to vote on the pact. It was expected that the board would ratify the teachers' agreement.

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Moore's support of Councilman Cox didn't impress caller

[Wayne-Westland Board of Education President] Robin Moore leveling accusations against those trying to remove [Westland City councilman] David Cox, in light of her involvement with him, speaks for itself.

I can count on one hand the people who have come out to support these council members, and I believe resorting to using Mrs. Moore, shows just how low they will sink.

Her display at the council meeting and her pathetic attempts to paint recall workers black, using what can be proven to be lies, is a very very poor example for a school board president. I can only say it's a good thing she isn't running again.

Caller asks Mayor Thomas for faster police responses to condos

[Westland] Mayor Thomas, for people living in condominiums and apartments, why are the po-

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Fireman issue blazes again

By AL POST
 MCN Staff Writer

Once again the issue of a Romulus firefighter shortage surfaced on the council floors Monday night, as Councilwoman Debbie Romak voiced her objection to the city's annual budget to symbolize her frustration with the lack of changes at the city's four fire stations.

Mayor William Oakley declared however that his administration continues to work on upgrading the city's fire department's role in the future.

However Oakley refused to issue any "promises" on the timing or scope of those changes. He vowed "promises is not a word in my vocabulary."

Oakley said Fire Chief David Allison was working on a report for possible changes in fire department operations, but that was temporarily suspended when he was injured in a fire apparatus accident with a van in which a Romulus resident was fatally injured.

Two other councilmen, William Wadsworth and Randolph Gear, also expressed concern over the lack of firefighter availability, but they said that would not block them from supporting the city's budget.

The main issue being debated in recent years has been should Romulus employ full-time firemen because of the growing number of businesses and homes rising within the city.

Councilman Don Morris chided Romak's comments as "political statements."

Morris comments were challenged by Wadsworth and citizen Verlie Wilhide. They

"Since what we do will probably last for years to come, we want to take the right steps so they will hold up and be a positive change in Romulus."

- Mayor William Oakley

stated comments made by Romak dealt with safety in the city and were not made simply for political advantage.

Wilhide asked Morris to give his home phone number over Cable TV so residents could speak to him on the issue. Morris simply retorted "it's in the phone book."

Oakley and Morris said the fire department issue is a complex one.

Oakley said his administration is studying how Downriver communities are handling the issue as they want to avoid problems those municipalities are having.

Since what we do will probably last for years to come, Oakley said, we want to take the right steps so they will hold up and be a positive change in Romulus.

What the cost for adding full time firefighters would be also is being studied, since that will an issue area residents want spelled out, Morris said.

Several years ago Allison admitted the hardest hours to fill with volunteer firemen is the period from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Persons interested in joining the Fire Department's volunteer staff should call 941-8585.

Romulus High wins presidential award

By AL POST
 MCN Staff Writer

Romulus High School was one of only two Michigan schools recently to win a key Presidential Award for combined academic-community service successes.

Thus three Romulus High School students will be sent to a special three-day workshop in Washington D.C. from June 14-17.

The trio will receive the presidential award, attend a congressional reception and receive three days training.

The three-day event is sponsored by the Corporation for National Service and its CEO Harris Wofford.

The awards highlight school actions that teach students civic responsibility and strengthen their ties to the community.

Kathy Hurst, Romulus schools service learning coordinator, said the local school program portfolio went through rigorous state and national reviews in order to win the prestigious award.

The other Michigan school was Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills. Thirty other schools were cited throughout the U.S.



Retiring Romulus Schools Superintendent Dr. William Bedell (center) is praised by Romulus Boys/Girls Club President Frank Rigger as it was announced that over \$9,000 was raised for the club by those attending a party honoring both Bedell and his long-term executive secretary Doreen McEvilly (right) MCN Special Photo

Bedell retirement celebration raises \$ for Boys/Girls Club

By AL POST
 MCN Staff Writer

More than 250 Romulus education supporters -- including city leaders and former school executives -- turned out last week to honor the long and dedicated work of Superintendent Dr. William Bedell and his executive secretary, Doreen McEvilly.

The outspoken and sometimes controversial superintendent was cited for decades of visionary efforts that have raised the image of the Romulus Schools to among the best in the state.

One of the highlights of Bedell's career in Romulus was the heightening of computer awareness in public schools.

A successful \$45 million referendum early in the 1990's allowed all students to have access to personal computers in school.

During his term here Romulus schools also saw creative changes occur in parents-teachers-students roles via a

Both Bedell and McEvilly asked that those attending present gifts to the Boys/Girls Club organization.

school pact and witnessed helpful changes in health procedures at Romulus High School.

Mayor William Oakley, several council members, past and present School Board Trustees and state officials were among those at the dinner.

State Rep. Raymond Basham (D-Taylor) presented Bedell with a resolution passed by the Michigan State House citing both his educa-

tional accomplishments and the image the district now has throughout the state.

Sons of the honored guests, Brad Bedell and Mike McEvilly, shared humorous and compassionate stories of what it was like to grow up in their respective families.

Bedell, who was superintendent in Romulus since 1980, served the Livonia School District for 23 years prior to that.

Thus current Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and five former Livonia School Board trustees also turned out to honor Bedell.

Both Bedell and McEvilly asked that those attending the retirement party present gifts to the Boys/Girls Club organization rather than to them personally.

Thus more than \$9,000 was collected and Frank Rigger announced that the club that meets at two Romulus school sites -- Merriman and Wick Elementary Schools -- has grown from 50 to 600 members in just two years.

EDS remains undaunted in battle over deepwell

By AL POST
 MCN Staff Writer

"We remain undaunted," leaders of the Environmental Disposal Systems Inc. stated last week following the 7-0 vote by Romulus City Council members to reject a planned settlement between the city and EDS.

EDS, headed by its president Doug Wicklund, revealed they were obviously "disappointed that the City Council refused to follow their attorney's recommendation to approve the settlement that had been worked over for about a year.

The official statement added "not one shred of scientific evidence has been presented that suggests our facility would be a hazard to the community.

"If we receive final Michigan Department of Environ-

mental Quality (DEQ) approval for development of our project, we will proceed to construct and operate it (the well) in accordance with federal and state laws and city ordinances where applicable," statement added.

In addition EDS stated "we also intend to vigorously pursue our damage claims against the City of Romulus for damages that we have suffered as a result of former Mayor Beverly McAnally and members of the City Council's illegal actions against us."

The EDS statement concluded by stating "we are surprised at State Rep. Raymond Basham's cavalier comments congratulating the City Council for their refusal to heed the advice of their own attorneys and for putting the city's assets at risk after being advised by their insurer, Risk Management, that it will not pay the

city's legal bills or any judgment amounts won by us in the current and future litigation."

EDS statement came a day after Basham's office in Lansing stated "EDS must truly feel defeated."

Basham's statements added "I would personally like to applaud the Romulus City Council members for their actions Tuesday night.

"They were under enormous amounts of pressure and they did the right thing," Basham said, "they chose to continue to fight the EDS well."

At the present the multi-page (some say it contains 30-40 pages) document remains secret.

But efforts are being made to make the document open to the public.

Claims also are being made that one or more city official(s)



State Rep. Raymond Basham (right) kneels while conversing with anti-well protestor R.J. Thomas -- who sits stretched out on the floor outside the City Council Chambers -- while the council was meeting in executive session on the matter of the settlement issue with EDS. MCN Photo by Al Post.

warned they would press recall efforts against any city council member that would vote to accept such a settlement.

The well debate goes back

about a decade, but the issue didn't become volatile until the 1992-93 era.

Since then it has remained a dominant issue on the city's political scene.

Local chiropractors urge you to straighten up

If you're not careful, slouching at a desk all day or tapping away at a computer keyboard can lead to painful and disabling strains in your wrists, shoulders, elbows and back. Drs. Glenn and Elizabeth Sisk, directors and owners of the Belleville Chiropractic Health Clinic, urge you to turn over a new leaf during May, Correct Posture Month, and follow some simple advice that will make your work day much more enjoyable and less painful throughout the year.

"We used to believe that occupations like construction caused most on-the-job injuries," said Elizabeth Sisk. "However, someone who works at a computer is putting considerable stress on their wrists, shoulders, neck and spine, and can cause some really painful workplace injuries."

Repetitive motion injuries (RMI) like carpal tunnel syndrome have become increasingly prevalent in recent years, as more and more people spend long hours virtually immobilized in front of a computer screen. According to recent estimates, more than 75 million Americans spend some time using a computer every day—for work and for play. "Today, it's not just the administrative assistant who uses the computer," said Glenn Sisk. "Most corporate executives spend their work day in front of a computer, too. When the work day ends, many people go home and 'surf the net' for hours on their own PC's."

Carpel tunnel syndrome alone affects approximately 230,000 people every year and accounts for nearly half of all workplace illnesses, costing the country nearly \$800 million in health care benefits and rehabilitation. But carpal tunnel syndrome isn't the only problem. Other injuries include low back pain, postural and spinal stress and tendinitis—conditions that can affect a person's work, as well as make life painful.

To reduce the possibility of suffering one of these painful and possibly disabling injuries, the Sisks suggest that you:

- Make sure your chair fits you correctly. There should be two inches between the front edge of your seat and the back of your knees. Ideally, the chair should tilt back so you can rest while you're reading what's on the screen.
- Sit with your knees at approximately a 90 to 120-degree angle. Using an angled footrest to support your feet may help you sit more comfortably.
- Position your computer monitor so the top of the screen is at or below eye level, and make sure you have adequate lighting.
- Make sure there is no glare; use an antiglare screen if necessary.
- Keep your wrists in the neutral position, not angled up or down, while you type. A wrist rest can help you to keep a

more neutral wrists posture. Keep you elbow angel with a 70 to 115-degree range as you type.

- Take periodic stretch breaks. Clench your hands in a fist and move your hands like this: 10 circles in, then 10 circles out. Put your hands in a praying position and squeeze

for 10 seconds, then "pray" with the backs of your hands together, fingers apart and then close them one by one.

- Do the "hug your best friend" stretch a couple of times. Stand and wrap your arms around your body, and turn as far as you can to the left, then the right.

To learn about chiropractic care, call Drs. Glenn and Elizabeth Sisk at (734) 697-3210.

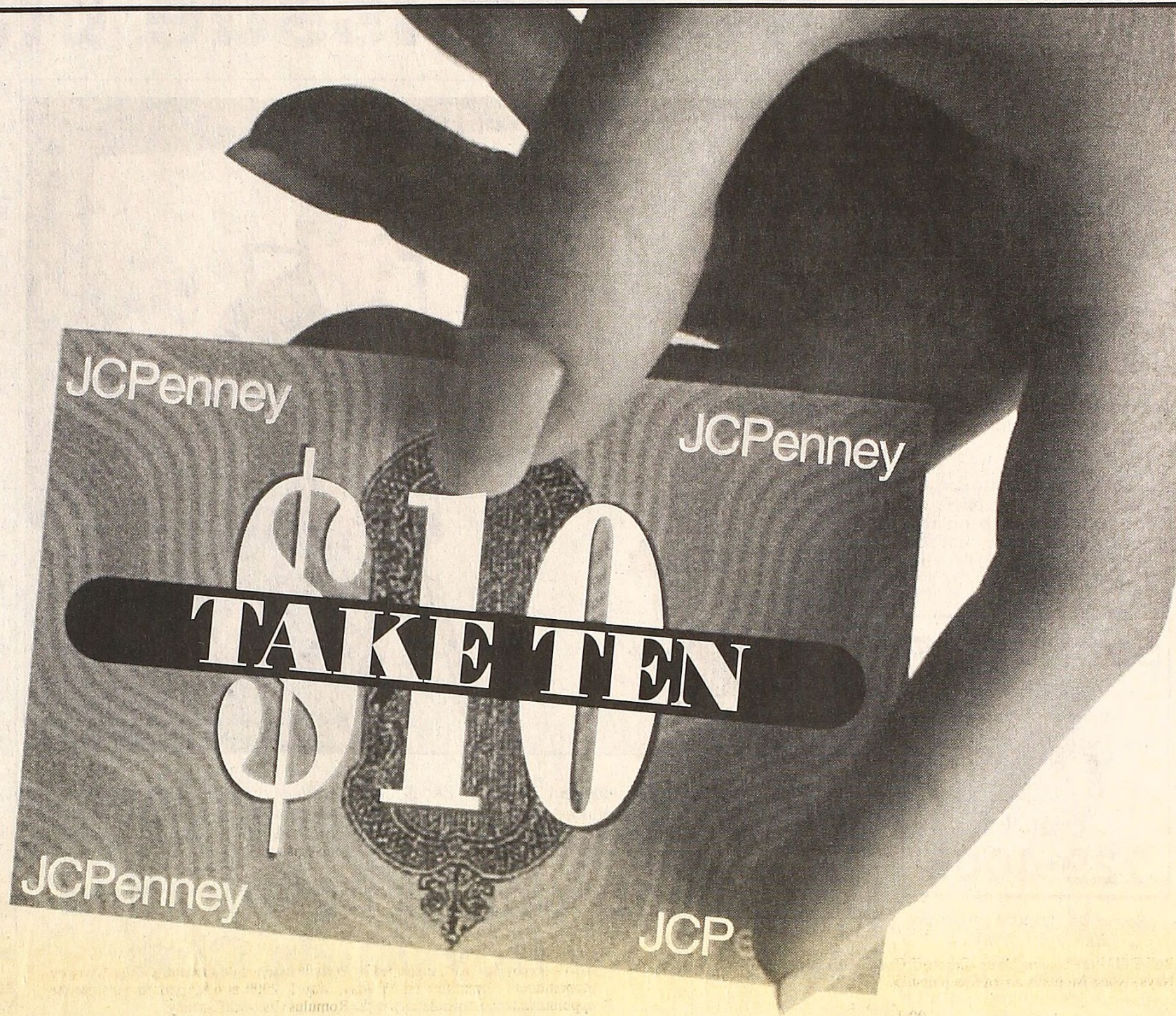
- Try the new Trigger Wheel for carpal tunnel therapy on a regular basis. It's an inexpensive device that can be purchased at the Belleville

Chiropractic Health Clinic.

"If you do suffer from strain or injuries on the job, see a doctor of chiropractic," urges Glenn Sisk. "A chiropractor can identify the problem, work to alleviate the problem and help you avoid further injury."

To learn more about correct posture or chiropractic care,

call Drs. Glenn and Elizabeth Sisk at (734) 697-3210 or contact the American Chiropractic Association (ACA) at (800) 986-4636. Information about chiropractic education and studies about chiropractic's effectiveness can also be found on ACA's Web page: www.amerchiro.org.



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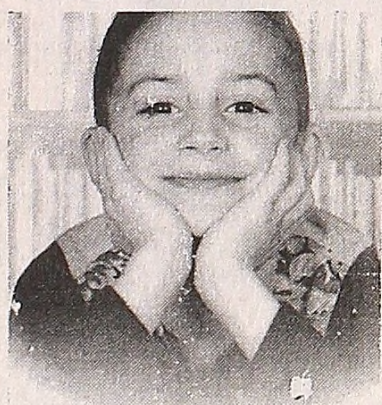
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CITY OF ROMULUS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD APRIL 24,
2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS
CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD,
ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear,
Donald Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak,
William Wadsworth
Absent: None
Excused: Debbie Romak

Administrative Officials In Attendance:
William Oakley, Mayor
Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk
Kathy Lindroth, Deputy Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to accept the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-131

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 6, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-132

2B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Morris to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 10, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla. Nays - None. Abstain - Wadsworth. Motion Carried.

00-133

3A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to approve the creation of an Industrial Development District pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended, for Liberty Property Trust (LDM Technologies), 26957 Northwestern Highway, Suite 310, Southfield, Michigan 48034 on a 32 acre parcel of property located on the north side of Ecorse Road and east of Cogswell Road, identified as DP#024-99-0004-704.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

3B. No action taken.

00-134

4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Morris to adopt a resolution acknowledging Richard Donahey as the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-135

4B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Morris to acknowledge Robert Kobylas thirteen years of service to the City.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-136

5A. Motion by Morris, supported by Prybyla to reappoint to the Romulus Housing Commission Reginald Williams term to expire February 26, 2003; to appoint Charles Harris term to expire February 26, 2004; and to appoint Clementine Haynes, term to expire February 26, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-137

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to reappoint to the Police, Fire & Safety Commission Fred Anderson, Edward Thomas, Jr. and Eva Webb terms to expire February 22, 2003; to reappoint Nathaniel Butler and Kenneth Choate terms

to expire July 22, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-138

5C. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to adopt a resolution recognizing May 21-27, 2000 as National Public Works Week.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-139

5D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Morris to adopt an amendment to the Tax Increment Finance Authority bylaws Article III, Section 2 to move the date of election of officers from July to January of each year.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-140

5E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution in support of the recommendation of the Wayne County Committee on Environment, Drains and Sewers, that urges the director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to follow the recommendation of the Site Review Board in its denial of the Part III permit application to construct a hazardous waste storage and treatment facility in the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-141

5F. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Morris to adopt the revise Page Two (2) of the Municipal Support Enforcement Unit Amended Contract.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-142

5G. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Morris to enter into an agreement with the County of Wayne for the updating of the Inkster and Northline Roads Traffic Signal and the updating of the Middlebelt and Northline Roads Traffic Signal at a total estimated cost of \$44,100.00 and authorize Mayor Oakley to negotiate the final cost to the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Morris, Prybyla. Nays - Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Motion Failed.

00-143

5H. Motion by Crova, supported by Morris to schedule a Public Hearing in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 at 6:45 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time for the purpose of hearing comments on the request from General Motors for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-144

5I. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Morris to adopt a resolution in opposition to the House of Representative Bill 2372 preempting local governments from exercising traditional authority in such areas as important as land use by providing direct access to Federal Court whenever a disagreement exists with local appeal boards. Further, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to President Clinton, Governor Engler, Senators Abraham and Levin, Congresswoman Rivers and Congressman Canady of Florida and other legislators.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-145

5J. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to schedule a meeting of the Advisory Appointment Committee on Monday, May 1, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the appointment recommendations to the Romulus Historical Society.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5K. No action taken.

5L. No action taken.

5M. No action taken.

00-146

5N. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 99/00-78 to Bill Wink Chevrolet in the amount of \$22,998.00 for the purchase of one (1) Year 2000 Cargo Van with 16' box.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-147

6A1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to approve the second reading and final adoption of Appendix A, Zoning Amendment 1.169 introduced at the meeting of April 3, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-148

6A2a. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee and authorize the sale in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Ralph Cottonham to purchase property identified as DP# 044-01-0167-300 on the southeast corner of Burton and Ecorse Roads. The Assessor has reviewed the offer and indicates that it meets value.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-149

6A2b. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee and authorize the sale in the amount of \$100.00 from Guam Lee to purchase DP# 077-27-0045-300 an unbuildable thirty foot lot in the Junction Subdivision with the stipulation that this lot be combined with his adjoining property.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-150

6A2c. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee and authorize the redemption of Lot 62 in the Urban Renewal Plat No. 1 by the previous property owner in the amount of \$563.94.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-151

9. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution in opposition of the closing of Wayne Road between the West Peripheral Road and Eureka and the Northline Road between Wayne and Wahrman Roads until the new West Peripheral Road is open. Copies of same to be forwarded to Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara and County Commissioner Sullivan.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - Burcroff. Motion Carried.

00-152

10. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to send a communication to the City of Lincoln Park offering condolences on the death of the three residents in the Senior Citizens housing.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-153

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to authorize payment of Warrant 00-08 in the grand total amount of Nine Hundred and Sixty Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty Nine Dollars and Forty Six Cents (\$964,449.46).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Crova. Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 24, 2000.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-118

2A. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 3, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Abstain - Burcroff. Motion Carried.

00-119

3A. Motion by Romak, supported by Morris to grant a No Fee Permit to the Senior Center, 36515 Bibbins for their Annual Garage Sale.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-120

3B. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny the Special Use Approval for PC-2000-007 to Wide Track Company, L.L.C. for air freight forwarding on 16.85 acres located on the north side of Northline Road between Wayne and Wahrman Roads [DP#s 080 99 0027 000, 080 99 0028 000, 080 99 0029 000] in a M-1 (Light Industrial) zoned district. The City Planning Consultant' report raised concern regarding air freight forwarding at the subject site was inconsistent with the City Master Plan; the significant increase in truck traffic; and the intensity of a proposed trucking operation will have a negative influence on the ability to develop surrounding property for light industrial uses.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-121

5A. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to direct the City Attorney to proceed as directed regarding Horizon Screw Machine Products.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-122

5B. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to enter into a professional services contract with Barry Seifman.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-123A

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to remove from the table the request for a special assessment district on Beverly road between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads for the purpose of widening to three (3) lands and paving of same.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-123B

5C2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to create a special assessment district on Beverly Road between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads for the purpose of widening to three (3) lands and paving of same.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - Gear, Romak. Motion Carried.

00-124

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to appoint Randy Moffat and Ron Buckley to the Tax Increment Finance Authority Board with terms to expire on November 30, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-125

5E1. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to schedule a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, April 24, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of hearing comments on the proposed creating of an Industrial Development District for LDM Technologies on Ecorse Road, east of Cogswell.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-126

5E2. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to schedule a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, May 22, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of hearing comments on the proposed Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for LDM Technologies on Ecorse Road, east of Cogswell.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-127

5F. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to approve the Traffic control Order for the installation of two (2) parking signs to read "POLICE VEHICLE PARKING ONLY" to be placed on the west side of Brandt, just south of Eureka Road in the Oakbrook Subdivision immediately adjacent to the Police Department's mini station.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-128

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee and authorize the redemption of parcel #068-0023-003 in the amount of \$5,860.36.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-129

6A2. Motion by Romak, supported by Morris to schedule a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, May 22, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of hearing comments on the proposed vacation of an alley abutting Lots 1 and 65-67 inclusive, Junction Sub Block 2 Subdivision.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-130

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to authorize payment of Warrant 00-07 in the grand total amount of Six Hundred and Thirty Three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty Three Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$633,753.90).

12. Motion by Romak , supported by Burcroff to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Terrance Hermenau, Deputy Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Terrance Hermenau, Deputy Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 10, 2000.

Terrance Hermenau, Deputy Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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People in the news

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M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

Foley named Romulus assistant principal

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Former Romulus High School baseball coach Don Foley has been named the new school assistant principal, replacing Mel Kimbrough, who recently was named principal of Romulus Middle School.

Foley, who has been a Romulus teacher since 1971, has earned both a Bachelor of Sci-



Don Foley

ence and Masters in Secondary Curriculum degrees from Eastern Michigan University.

Earlier he served as temporary Middle School assistant principal on four separate occasions with the first assignment of one semester in 1981 and the last in 1992, when the Middle School was at the Wayne County Community College during a construction-renovation project.

Foley served as a Middle School math and Industrial Arts teacher for 16 years and a high school math teacher for the past 13 years.

He has served as a district football coach for 28 years and baseball coach for 25 years.

During that time he served as high school varsity football coach for four years and baseball coach for nine years.

He also served as head Middle School football coach for 14 years. Other coaching assignments he has filled are both boys and girls Middle School basketball coach as well as girls' volleyball coach.

Foley also is married and the father of four children.



Bill and Marie Bidwell, currently from Westland, are shown as they were married 50 years ago on a baseball diamond in Clinton, N.C. MCN Special Photo

Golden anniversary slated for Bidwells

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Bill and Marie Bidwell of Westland — who were married on a baseball diamond in Clinton, N.C. back on June 2, 1950 — will mark their 50th wedding anniversary at a quiet family picnic next month.

While best known by some for their old popcorn sale effort outside the State Wayne Theatre back in the '50's, the couple also had other careers.

Ironically they still possess

the old popcorn machine they used 50 years ago.

The former Marie Warkup of Plymouth was employed at the Ford Motor Co. in Ypsilanti after their marriage. She later worked in the hospitality industry for 24 years.

Bill Bidwell was a mason contractor until his recent retirement. Some of the most prominent structures he worked on are the Media One Building and the Lacakery Bakery facility.

They raised six children, Cathy, Sharon, Karen, Lon, Diane and Jean. They also have 12 grandchildren.

Marie Bidwell enjoys tag sales, scenic rides, painting and eating out.

Her husband enjoys golf, gardening, walking and working on "projects around the house."

People in the news...

Two new local Marines, Pfc. Kevin C. Mack and Pfc. Steven M. Vallis, recently reported for duty with the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division in Kaneche Bay, Hawaii.

Mack is the son of Karen L. and Walter J. Mack of Romulus.

Vallis is the son of Debra F. Gibson of Belleville.

Both joined the Marine Corps in April 1999.

Two current members of the Romulus Building Authority were reappointed by Mayor William Oakley and the City Council on Monday night.

Renamed were Russell Lambert and Steve Trahey.

New appointments included: Bert Smith, Roger Ka-

dau and Barry Bauman.

John A. Hampton, son of Pauline Hampton of Romulus, has received his BGS degree from Jacksonville University.

He also earned his degree in computer information management, graduating magna cum laude.

The commencement speaker was Dr. Robert Pinsky, poet laureate of the United States.

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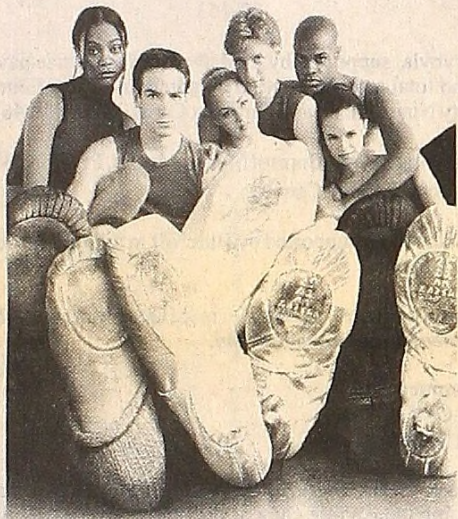
By AL POST
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Meek pupils "Feelin' Good"

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Thanks to group of future nurses at Madonna College, the students at Meek Elementary School are "Feelin' Good".

The Madonna College nursing students spent time at the school to instruct children on the importance of proper nutrition and exercise, and how it all plays a crucial part in maintaining a healthy mind and body.

The children also were given an opportunity to listen to their hearts with a stethoscope, and afterwards they were "tested" to see if they understood all that was explained to them, according to Jennifer Henry, a student nurse.

Students also learned the value of walking to one's physical and mental health. Each was given a "mileage card" which allowed nurses to keep track on how much the children walked.

Henry noted there were also a few Meek teachers who joined in the walks with the students. Parents were encouraged to participate. Some actually did.

When the walking was over, the Madonna University students tallied up the numbers to find out who "walked the most". Those students were awarded for their accomplishments.

Why did the student nurses select the city of Inkster, in



Meek Elementary children and Madonna University nursing students met recently and both benefitted from the encounter. Their children learned about nutrition and exercise, and future nurses learned about children. Pictured above are student nurses Jennifer Henry, (front row, from left), Brandy Horton, Jeannine Uryga and Samantha Kellum; in the back row are Kelly LaPeer, Jay Clark and Lisa Zajac; the children are: Bradley Wisner, L. C. Clark, Ambrose Taylor, Nia Hargett, Kwame Dildy, Michael Smith and Shawtea Grimes.

general, and Meek Elementary, specifically, for their project?

"We selected this particular program in light of the community assessment we performed in the city of Inkster," Henry said. "We found that the city has a high rate of heart disease, especially among the Af-

rican American population and, after doing some research, we found that healthy habits develop at young ages, therefore, if we could develop healthy habits in these children, we could possibly impact the number of cases of heart disease in adulthood."

The student nurses also noted that Inkster has been the target of negative press

and they thought their program would help improve the city's image.

"Lately, the Inkster school system seemed to get so much bad press, so we (Madonna University Students) thought that since they are doing some positive things here, they should be recognized."

"Each student who participated did a fabulous job," Henry continued, "and we are proud of each of them. We just hope they keep on walking and also maintain a proper diet. Above all keep away from junk food," Henry stressed.

The Madonna students also said that they would like to acknowledge the contribution made by St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia.

Weed-Seed to host workshop

A workshop that focuses upon building better community relations between the Inkster Police Department and the citizens will be hosted by Weed & Seed at 6:30 p.m. on May 18.

The workshop will be staged at the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road.

"These meetings," stressed Jeannie Fields, Inkster Weed & Seed program director, "are a direct result of the Community Forum held in December of 1999."

For further information, contact Fields at 734-722-5146.

Also, the keynote speaker for the Inkster Chamber of Commerce meeting for May 15 will be Mayor Hilliard Hampton Jr.

Chamber members will meet at 6 p.m. at the Floyd B. Simmons Multi-Purpose Center, 29150 Carlsyle Street.

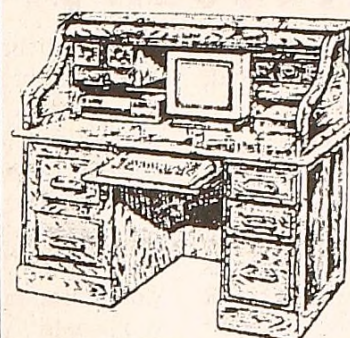
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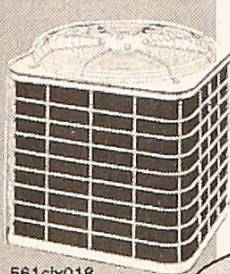
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Council person's statements only fuel flames of recall proponents

If we were to name a Newsmaker of the Year, like many publications do, strong consideration would have to be given to Dave Cox.

Cox, former Wayne-Westland school board president and now Westland City Council member and assistant to the mayor in Romulus, gets more controversial ink than any three people. Our Sound Off feature and Letters to the Editor are filled with words, most often unkind, toward the controversial public figure.

Since leaving the school board to take an appointed position on the council (Cox was re-elected to that position by the slimmest of margins in November), he has become the number one enemy of council critics and has taken a lot of heat away from Mayor Thomas in the process.

Cox has aligned himself with council peers Trav Griffin, Sharon Scott and David James to create havoc on the council. First the group ousted Council President Sandra Cicirelli for their own Trav Griffin. Then they fired Clerk Pat Gibbons for essentially not being a team player.

Along the way, Cox also managed to field charges of carpetbagging (opponents in the November election claim Cox lived in Wayne, not Westland), a conflict of interest because he was assistant to the mayor of Romulus, and violating various state laws (with Griffin he had been charged with using City of Westland stationary to campaign, and charged and cleared of violating the open meetings Act). Opponents have managed these charges and more in a relatively short stay in office.

In his defense, Cox has been cleared of most charges (albeit by a city attorney that is clearly lined with the Griffin, Cox political agenda). And working his full-time job in Romulus ought not to be in conflict with his part-time position in Westland.

But Cox, for some reason likes to fuel the fire of his opponents. For instance, at last week's council meeting he made a long, rambling speech asking for apologies from fellow council people Glenn Ander-

son and Richard LeBlanc. But additionally, he called council critics "an embarrassment to me and our city" and added, "I would have more luck talking to a fire hydrant than you people."

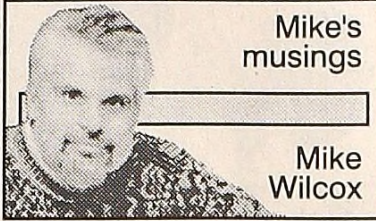
I would term inflammatory statements like this as confrontational politics, and Westland, for whatever reason, has its share of confrontationalists on both sides of the issue. Unfortunately, there is a clear distinction that Cox and others sometimes forget.

Cox and Griffin and their peers are elected representatives of the people. They are expected to treat "the people," whether they agree with their position or not, in a respectful manner. The council and members of the Thomas administration (i.e. Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek and Keith Madden) have committed their share of improprieties and certainly cannot be portrayed as blameless. In my opinion, as a representative of the people, Cox and peers would further their agenda by listening to people and admitting the mistakes of the council and City Hall versus calling their opponents names and not allowing them speak.

Mayor Thomas had all but defused the recall movement with his reversal on several issues and his announcement that he will run for county commissioner. Those ingenious political moves all but saved his council cronies from further embarrassment and possible recall.

Now, however, David Cox appears to have ignited the recall movement again. His accusatory speech and his unkind reaction to critics showing up at the Romulus council meeting has spurred the ire of Brenda Gracin, Roger Caldwell and their recall-hungry minions.

Cox certainly knows how to make politics interesting.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox

Class of '75 members arise

I remember it well, not quite like yesterday, but well enough. I remember it in a dusty sort of way. It was twenty five years ago after all. And we'd gathered for the last time in the old familiar cafeteria with our friends, our classmates, even some soul mates, hugging each other and laughing, hugging each other and crying, feeling like we were all taking a flying leap into the netless space out there when in fact we weren't flying, we were just walking - a short walk across the hallway to the gym.

As we lined up, we all looked so much the same with our tasseled caps and our long gowns. There were about 100 of us and we were the Class of '75. That day we moved as a group from the cafeteria to the gym just across the hall.

Just across the hall that day - where in the gym we'd graduate together and then go our separate ways - not together anymore, not ever again like that.

The walk was just across the hall. It was really across a lifetime. And now here it is, 25 years later and something's got to be done.

There's got to be a reunion, right? Twenty-five years!!! I mean, c'mon. A class reunion is required by law I think, at least at the twenty-five year mark! Gotta be.

I tell you what. If any of you reading this is right now planning the Cedar Springs, Michigan, Class of 1975 25th reunion let me know. I'll help, just tell me what needs to be done. Now, if no one is planning anything, then I'll get started. I'll start planning it. But no matter, whether you're planning it, someone else plans it, or I plan it, let me know. And let me know where you



Family Room

Karen Meier

all are. Especially if you are hard to find. Don't you think it would be so cool to see everyone again! It's been way too long.

Hey, how about the Class of '75 reunion during Red Flannel weekend in October? That'd be fun, don't you think? Maybe we could all gather at the same spot on the parade route, reserve the space somehow, then after the parade meet up again later for a fancy dinner and some dancing and some reminiscing.

Oh, but you know what? About the parade-side space - it'd have to be really huge because after 25 years I'm sure we're not talking about just those 100 people who walked across that hallway from the cafeteria to the gym that day long ago. For heaven sakes, look at me. I was just one of those 100, but now I'm eight, at least as far as watching a parade is concerned. So that long ago group of 100 could by now be 500, or 600, or even bigger.

Yikes, that might not work, the parade watching gathering. But the fancy dinner and the dancing, now that would be manageable, only 200 or so for that.

I think inviting our teachers, coaches, office staff, custodial staff would be so excellent, too. So adults in charge of the Class of '75 if you're reading this, let me know

where you are. And even if you're not reading this, but someone else did read it and then told you about it, let me know where you are too.

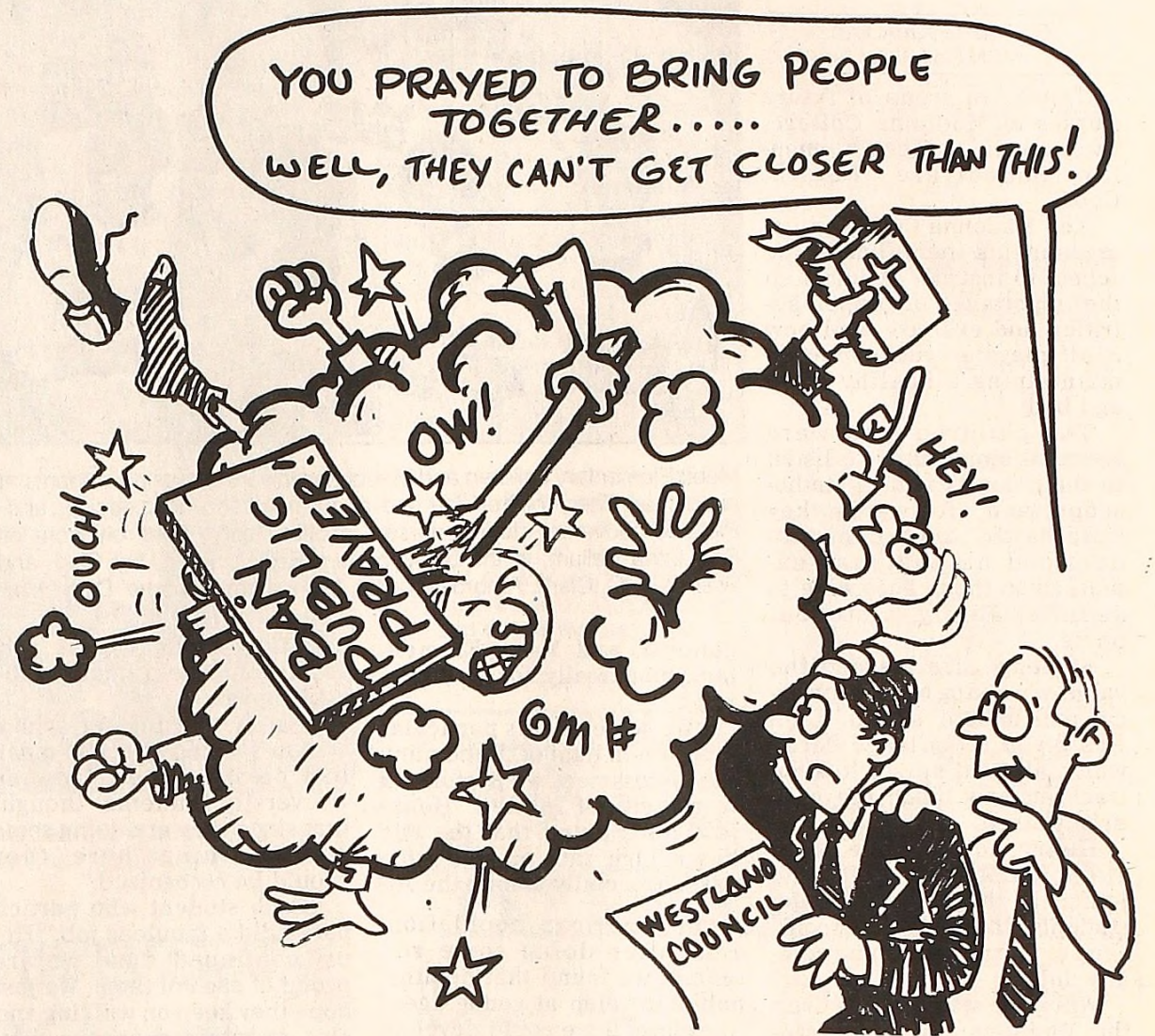
And even if you're not from the Cedar Springs High School graduating class of 1975, but you have great ideas for a 25th Year Class Reunion, pass 'em on!

Now before I go and start looking for real and e-mail messages from you regarding the Class of '75 names, addresses, reunion ideas, stuff like that, there are some things I need to catch you up on. Some of you have inquired about the three hanging-up-in-the-air things I mentioned here a few weeks ago, the up-in-the-air-things I was all in twisty knot over just a bit ago?

Well, Carmen did very well at the Midwest Regional competition in gymnastics, missing the qualifying score for going on to Nationals by just a few tenths of a point. She was disappointed, but the rest of us were very, very proud of her. And Tony did get the job at Fermilab. And I did find ten more apostles just in the nick of time. Hooray!

So, back to the reunion quest. Here's how to let me know what you know about plans, or about whereabouts-es of the Class of '75, about the best spot to gather gobs of people to watch the 2000 Red Flannel Day parade, about walking back across that long-ago hallway, even if just for a day or so.

E-mail: kmeier001@aol.com
Regular mail: Class of '75 Reunion, Attn: Karen Meier, C/O Cedar Springs Post, 36 East Maple Street, Cedar Springs, MI 49319.



Success may doom home schooling

In the eighties, *A Nation at Risk* warned Americans about failing public schools.

Many parents who could afford it coped with the calamity by enrolling their kids in traditional private schools or by hiring after-school tutors trained in arithmetic and phonics and capable of challenging kids numbed by public schools' whole language and whole math and group learning.

In contrast, government officials resisted reform efforts, choosing instead to market snake oil like teaching machines or right brain-left brain calisthenics. The snake oil's inevitable failure turned out a bigger educational bust than even critics had predicted (though it pleased the educational lobby and their dupes in Michigan's legislature and in the governor's mansion by expanding cradle-to-grave public schools).

Meanwhile, home schooling offered an alternative. Originally a fringe activity, the superiority of home-schooled students to public and private school students, not to mention the satisfaction offered to home schooling parents, drew mainstream families into the mix.

1.3 million home schooled students later, home schooling has proved itself as the best way for kids to learn and the surest way to avoid epidemic social problems.

Lawrence Rudner's 1998 study of about 20,000 home-schooled students indicated that they significantly outperformed public and private school students. Students taught at home scored higher than their public- and private-school counterparts in every subject of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

The study said that kids in



Ivan Helfman

grades one to four perform one grade level higher than their public- and private-school peers. By eighth grade, the average home student performs four grade levels above the national average.

"As a group, home-schooled children score significantly better on standardized tests than students in public or even private schools, according to a growing body of research," reported the *Christian Science Monitor* article in an article about the Iowa Test results.

"I always believed that home-schoolers would do better," said Bobbie Cleary, a former engineer, who has home schooled five children - Christine, 15, Jessica, 13, Karen, 10, Kimberly, 7, and Daniel, 4 - in two Canton subdivision homes.

Since the findings must come as a surprise to soccer moms under the spell of public school rhetoric, I asked Bobbie to explain why home schooled pupils excel.

"It's because we have access to a free market home schooling system that is not hampered by bureaucracy, so we can use the systems that work," she said. "For example, I don't know any home school teachers who teach their children how to read using whole language or sight reading methods [methods that don't teach beginning readers to read by pri-

marily sounding out syllables] like they use in public schools.

"Instead, we use phonetics [a method that teaches beginners to read by sounding out syllables in-to words]."

She said that home school students score higher in mathematics because they concentrate on mastering basic arithmetic instead of mathematics theories in early grades.

Now that we know that home schooling works and why home schooling works, it seems reasonable to hope that government encourages and learns enough from it to end our *A Nation at Risk* status.

But that's not what has happened. According to a *World Net Daily* article, President Clinton has decided to regulate home schooling.

"The best thing to do is to get the homeschooleders organized," he said. "We should say, 'Look, there's a good way to do this and a not-so-good way to do this,'" and require that home-schooled students meet academic benchmarks.

"But if you're going to do this," he added, "your children have to prove that they're learning on a regular basis, and if they don't prove that they're learning then they have to go into a school - either into a parochial or private school or a public school."

"I think we are pretty organized," Michael Farris, president and founder of the Home School Legal Defense Association, told WND. "It would seem to me that the last person we would want to be organized by is the government."

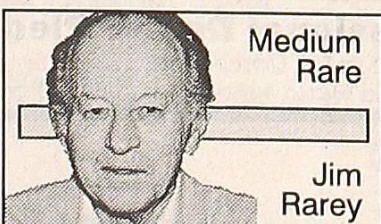
Good luck.

Should taxpayers be forced to pay for job losses

The City Council in Romulus, Michigan last Monday night was faced with a variation of the same issue the Congress is confronting this week in Washington. The question is, "Should the taxpayers be forced to subsidize the elimination or mere maintenance of jobs in their city, or country?"

General Motors is investing in excess of \$95 million at two plants it operates in Romulus. They are requesting 12-year tax abatements (a 50% reduction in property taxes) on the two investments, which would result in tax savings to GM well over \$2 million. According to GM's own numbers, one of the projects will add no new jobs and the other holds out the prospect of adding 112 jobs related only to that specific investment. No numbers were furnished as to whether total employment at the plants would go up or down.

At first glance, the issue seems to be a "no-brainer" for the council. Why



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

should other companies in the city and the residents be asked to shoulder a portion of GM's tax burden when a significant number of existing jobs were originally subsidized by an earlier abatement and no commitment is made regarding overall employment in the city? It's not quite that easy. GM is the city's and state's largest employer and taxpayer and carries tremendous clout with the council, governor and state legislature. Even if the council denies the abatement requests, the Michigan State Tax Commission could overrule it.

Granting of Normal Trade Relations status (NTR) to Communist China also involves the question of taxpayer subsidies to private companies. A host of taxpayer subsidies are available to companies doing business in foreign countries but only if those countries have been granted NTR status, formerly called the more descriptive Most Favored Nation (MFN) status.

There has been vocal and well-publicized opposition to granting China permanent NTR status, which (we are told) is a pre-condition of its entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO). Opponents argue (correctly) that granting permanent NTR status to Communist China would take away any leverage the groups have in pressuring China to improve its record on human rights, religious freedom, workers' rights and the environment.

However, the issue of taxpayer subsidies for China ventures by Amer-

ican companies has strangely escaped the notice of the national media. Only the opponents arguing for year-to-year renewal of NTR for China receive national recognition. If they win, this would still leave the taxpayer subsidies intact.

When this column was started (May 7th) the outcome was still in doubt in the congress. On May 8th, the City Council voted unanimously to grant the 12-year abatements to General Motors.

Congress (and the president) could divorce or de-couple the subsidy issue from NTR and require taxpayer subsidies (if any) be justified by benefits to the entire country, not just the multi-national giants.

Don't hold your breath. The president, congress and the media don't seem to think the issue is worthy of any discussion or action.



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On RJR's new supposedly "safer" cigarette

To the Editor:

Despite all of the unsubstantiated claims of lower smoking risk, RJR's supposedly "safer" Eclipse cigarette does only one thing for sure-eclipse the truth about the harmful effects of tobacco. Touted as the "next best thing" to quitting, this newest concoction does nothing to protect smokers from cardiovascular disease and stroke by RJR's own admission. Each year, more than 400,000 people die from smoking, and the largest portion of these deaths were cardiovascular-related. Only the tobacco industry, it seems, would boast about the lower risks of a product that has the potential to kill hundreds of thousands of people. Indeed, RJR admits that the new Eclipse cigarette generates higher carbon monoxide levels than regular cigarettes, making it even more dangerous for smokers from a cardiovascular standpoint.

As for RJR's claim that switching to Eclipse cigarettes will mean a lower risk for cancer and related lung diseases, we are not buying it. Indeed, we have no way of verifying these claims, no process of independent scientific validation or medical review of the science involved. What we do have is years of tobacco industry deception and misrepresentation.

The tobacco industry needs to be regulated by the Food and Drug Administration, so unsubstantiated claims, like those made by RJR for its Eclipse cigarettes, would be subjected to rigid, independent scientific scrutiny.

Perhaps the most damaging aspect of this so-called "safer" cigarette is the false sense of security it gives smokers about their life-threatening habit. Smoking one of RJR's new Eclipse cigarettes is like playing a "safer" game of Russian Roulette, with one difference. With the Eclipse cigarette, all the chambers are loaded with bullets.

Sincerely,
M. Cass Wheeler
CEO
American Heart Association

Thanks to all who are helping to recall Scott

To the Editor:

I would like to take a moment to thank all the people who have helped in the recall effort of Sharon Scott both in circulating and in signing, the response has been overwhelming.

This Saturday, May 13th we will be meeting at the Odd-fellows Temple on Glenwood just west of Venoy, use east en-

trance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are asking all that have not yet turned in recall petitions to bring them with you so we will know just how many signatures are still needed.

We will be mapping out the city to finish canvassing with petitions to recall Sharon Scott, people who would like to stop by and sign the recall will be more than welcomed.

It's a good feeling to see just how many people in our city have had enough of the people who claim they as elected officials are serving everybody.

Once again thank you to everyone and we hope to see you this Saturday.

Marion Greenfield
P.S. Also on Saturday, we will be at Patchen parking lot, Cooper Whittier parking lot and at Curtis Park and Jaycee Park. Hope to see you!

Elect Gibbons to represent Westland in state house

To the Editor:

Patricia Gibbons for State Representative! That's all that needs to be said!

She has consistently served the City of Westland without regard to personal political gain. Yet she was ultimately removed from office for being politically neutral. Patricia has and, I am convinced, will continue to put "People before Politics"

I have heard people around Westland talking about Patricia running for State Representative and think that the idea is fantastic. If you are reading this Patricia, please consider putting your hat in the ring.

I believe you did feel that you were doing the will of the people when you filed the grievance against the councilmembers. We need someone who will not use personal politics to their advantage, not see elected office as a stepping stone to another position, but perform as an elected official should-as a servant of the public.

I believe that you showed these qualities as you exercised your duties as City Clerk, and I want you to do the same for us in Lansing.

Pamela Seymour
Westland

Writer considers Wayne's gov an oligarchy

To the Editor:

Many thanks for Mrs. Hargraves' acknowledgment that Wayne needs a change in the Wayne City Charter. A change to allow Wayne citizens to elect their Mayor. Mike Wilcox, Publisher of the Wayne Eagle, has editorialized for the same basic democratic rights for Wayne citizens, as do I.

The existing City of Wayne

Charter of 1962 mandates our elected councilpersons to choose a Mayor from one of themselves. Would Mrs. Hargraves head a crusade to change the Wayne City Charter?

The most ancient form of government is an oligarchy. (Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, oligarchy: a form of government in which all power is vested in a few persons, dominant class or clique.)

Aristotle described Greek government as an oligarchy. Modern terms have become plutocracy, with its overtones of control by key capitalists, and stakeholders which implies having a vested interest in the community. Another modern day term might be: The good-old-boys network.

Wayne's City Charter of 1962 established the Wayne "Americanized version" of the ancient oligarchy. In a bow to democracy the citizens elect Wayne council persons as a ruling body of equals. In turn they select one of their equals to become the more equal mayor.

This system have us one mayor for a split term of 19 years and several years as a councilman. Mayor Warfield served for 8 years. Charter is only 38 years. Does that indicate a few persons, dominant class or clique?

The Warfield administration handled the CVS land purchase deal. That deal required a zoning change from R1AA (residential) to commercial. Written objection was presented by a citizen who met the ordinance requirements, subsequently defeating the rezoning. On adjournment that citizen had prevailed.

Subsequently, midnight oil was burned. Minds were racing, faxes were faxing. At the next council meeting, CVS had reduced their land rezoning requirements by 35 feet. The citizen's written objection was invalidated overnight. Ex Post Facto. Could this be few persons, dominant class or clique?

Mayor Warfield now believes he is qualified to become our State Representative in Lansing. However, he is ignorant of the first amendment to the United States Constitution relative to Free Speech. He gaveled me of the podium, threatened my removal by the Chief of Police, only because he objected to my description of Wayne as given now, in this letter. Few persons, dominant class or clique?

The personal value system of each reader will determine if the reader believes him to be qualified or unqualified to represent us in Lansing.

After many requests by citizens, the Dickerson administration finally brought forward rules to govern themselves. Did Mrs. Hargraves make note how cleverly the City Council rejected a package vote? The decision was made item by item. All rules were accepted but the one to establish a monthly accounts payable statement.

Were the oligarchs wittingly or unwittingly at work?

I applaud Mrs. Hargraves' exhortation for young people to get involved in government issues. I implore them to become involved. Newcomers to Wayne have no knowledge of the history of the operation of our oligarchy-tilted charter. One only learns by becoming involved. I wholeheartedly agree that we need a charter change to elect the mayor of Wayne. I thank Mrs. Hargraves for bringing this item forward.

On the subject of taxes paid toward Newberry Square: City Council voted to spend Downtown Development Authority (DDA) funds in amount of \$300,000.00 to help alleviate an undisclosed landfill problem having the potential to nullify the project. DDA is authorized by the State of Michigan to capture a percentage of taxes paid only by merchants or businesses located within the DDA area. In Wayne that area is both sides of Michigan Avenue and both sides of Wayne Road. DDA money can only be spent within the DDA district. No DDA taxes are captured from residential tax.

Wayne DDA was put in place on May 4, 1982. Captured taxes then began to accrue for Downtown Development. I believe the Hargrave family retired from business and disposed of their holdings about 20 years ago. If that is true, none of their earlier commercial tax money has been included in the DDA captured taxes. The residential taxes for Mrs. Hargraves are excluded from DDA.

The Newberry Square project was first introduced under the Warfield Administration. The entire city council was avidly in support. I, citizen Johnson, objected on the grounds there would not be sufficient parking for 72 rental units, commercial stores, State Theatre, Standard Federal, as well as Sanders Antiques.

Under the Warfield Administration I observed the city to purchase and demolish the Salvation Army building on Wayne Road to create additional parking at a cost of \$283,000. The Tai Kwon Do building was purchased for \$185,000.00. It awaits demolition for more parking. Demolition costs have yet to be determined.

It appears that the Warfield Administration's perception of the Newberry enhancement to the City of Wayne was simply carried over by the new Dickerson Administration. Mayor Dickerson is a young man such as Mrs. Hargraves wishes to see in Government. The Dickerson Administration's crucial assist of \$300,00.00 will be less than the Warfield assistance.

This is only a political faction problem. The holdovers from the Warfield Administration would like to continue in their role of bringing a great addition to our city. They still can, if they think of the good city, not who gets the credit. Let us heal the breach.

I believe we can have a city attorney who will write a contract for \$300,000.00 and no

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These are just tow of the multiple problems which older individuals may face with their teeth and mouth. In the coming weeks, I will take a look at some of these other concerns.

Matthew Schaub, DDS
Newburgh Heights Dental Group

If you have any dental questions for Dr. Schaub, send them to the above address

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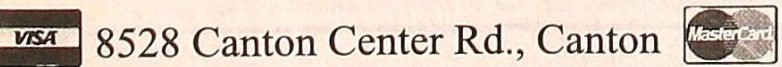


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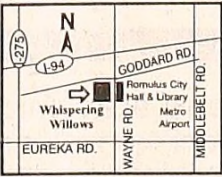
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Local HAPPENINGS

YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAM is slated for 11 a.m. May 21 under the sponsorship of the Gethsemane Baptist Church, 29066 Eton in Westland. The all-woman team will be headed by Sister Ruth Byers, who will offer the sermon. Also taking part will be Chairperson Sister Betty Holmes; Assistant Chairperson Sister Mary Ford and Director Sister Rebecca Davis. For more information call 734-721-2557.

ROMULUS HIGH CLASS OF 1990 will meet Oct. 14 at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus. Call 1-248-360-7004 for more information.

ROMULUS HIGH CLASS OF 1970 will meet Aug. 26. For more information call Gail Howie Curaba at 734-697-1763, Roy and Cathy Miank Szyndlar at 734-699-3139 or Jim Wagner

LETTER CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE will take place this Saturday. They urge homeowners to place their non-perishable food donations near their mailboxes. Postal workers will pick up foods and deposit them with local community food bank or pantry.

CLEAN-UP WEEK BEGINS in Romulus. More than 100 volunteers are expected to take part on Saturday. Stop by Romulus City Hall at 9 a.m. and pick up work gloves and trash bags and assignments. DPW workers later will load the filled trash bags on trucks and dispose of them. A free lunch will be provided for all volunteers at Romulus High School. For more information call 734-942-7571.

INKSTER CHAMBER MEETING is slated at 6 p.m. May 15 at the Floyd B. Simmons Multipurpose Center, 29150 Carlyle St. with Mayor Hilliard L. Hampton Jr. slated as the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served. An officers meeting is slated at 5 p.m. For more information call 734-722-5146.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP is slated at 7 p.m. June 14 at the Community Meeting Room B in the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. Library staff member Martha Rogers will outline the key elements of good photography.

Historical commission picks off

What is holding up appointments to the Romulus Historical Commission?

It was announced Monday night again that the City Council would delay their vote on naming members to the commission until May 22.

In the meantime, the council's Advisory Committee would meet again this Friday on the issue.

That committee then reportedly would present its recommendations to the full council on May 22.

Insiders said one of the key issues will be the possible appointment of funeral director Bill Crane.

Crane was nominated by the Romulus Historical Society.

Rubbish changes

Mayor William Oakley's office announced that "Waste Management has notified the city of Romulus their workers will no longer pick up trash cans that exceed 32 gallons and/or in excess of 55 pounds.

Those cans exceeding 32 gallons and or 55 pounds will be tagged with an orange sticker with contents and the can will be left on the curb or side of the road.

Oakley advises "please pay attention to these tagged cans. The contents will not be picked up."



Children to Work Day

Children and grandchildren of 34th District Court judges turned out recently on "Bring a Child to Work Day." From left are (front row) Joshua Green, Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green, Cassie Nelson, Cheyenne Oakley and Judge Brian A. Oakley. Standing are Kim Martin, Brittany Martin, David Nelson and Deborah Nelson. MCN Special Photo

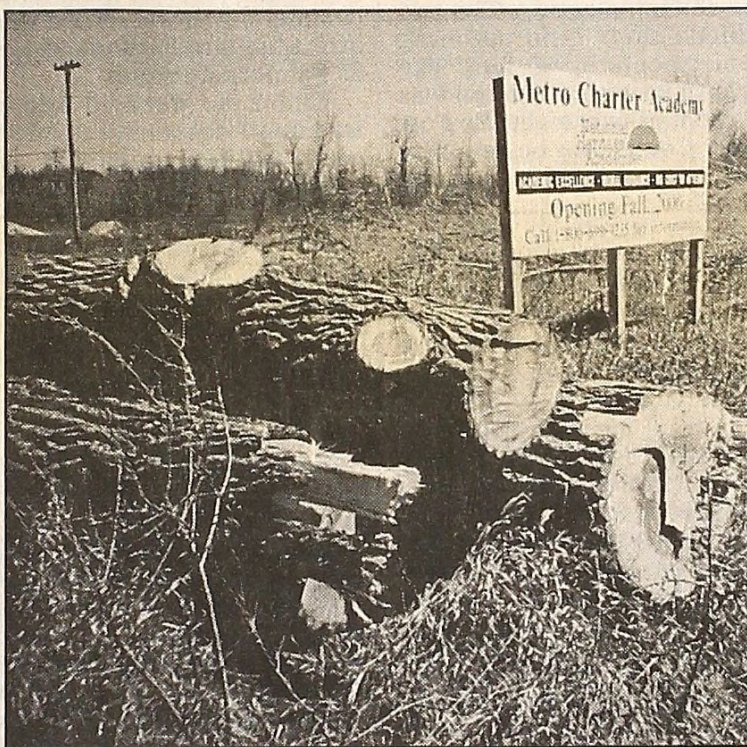
There is no fee or registration. Light refreshments will be served.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE is slated from 2 to 8 p.m. June 27 at the Public Library of Westland. Contact Joe Burchill at 734-326-6123 for more information or to register.

CLINT BLACK CONCERT will be offered at Pine Knob Music Theatre at 7:30 p.m. July 13. Ticket prices are \$15.50 on the lawn and \$29.50 in the pavilion. Call 248-645-6666 for tickets or more information.

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet at 7 p.m. May 17 at Cherry Hill School, Cherry Hill Road at Ridge Road. The guest speaker will be Harold Sherman of the Yankee Air Force. He will discuss the construction of the Willow Run Bomber Plant. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

LOCK-IN PARTY will be held for the Romulus High School senior class from 9 p.m. on May 10 until 6 a.m. May 19. Senior Class Advisor Kathy Abdo revealed that various items including food, soft drinks, snacks and possible door prizes are needed.



Charter school site

Work clearing property at the site of the planned Metro Charter Academy that expects to open this fall in Romulus has begun. The school will attract students from kindergarten to the fifth grade in its first year. Open enrollment efforts have begun. MCN Photo by Al Post.

Spaghetti dinner set for A-T victim

A fund raising spaghetti dinner is slated for 6 p.m. Monday at Barth Elementary School in Romulus to aid the national A-T Children's project.

A Barth Elementary School student -- Bradley Bills -- is currently suffering from the disease known as ataxia-telangiectasia. The fund raiser is being sponsored by the Barth School PTC.

Tickets are now on sale and will also be available at the door that night. Pre-sale

tickets will cost \$5 for those 13 years and older and \$3 for students ages five to 12.

At the door the prices will be \$6 for adults 13 and over and \$4 for students ages 5 to 12. Checks should be made out to the A-T Children's Project.

On May 20 a parade of supporters for Bills and other A-T victims will begin at Wick Elementary School.

Those donating \$15 or more to the A-T Children's Project will be awarded an honorary T-shirt.

Inkster Housing Commission Request for Proposal Youth Sports Program

The Inkster Housing Commission is seeking an energetic contractor to conduct Summer Programs, namely:

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A contractor to conduct a basketball clinic during the Summer Program (11 weeks). This includes boys and girls ages:

8-10
11-13
14-15
16-18

Hours are from 3:00-7:00 p.m., approximately 2000 children. The Inkster Housing Commission seeks an agency which has the experience and the funds required up front. The Inkster Housing Commission requires a \$1,000 deposit to guarantee the performance of the contracted events.

The Inkster Housing Commission is seeking a contractor to conduct a baseball program which includes uniforms, balls, bats, first aid kits and a well-manicured diamond to play on. Transportation is crucial to all teams that require traveling.

There has to be seasoned coaches to teach the young boys and girls the art of baseball.

The Inkster Housing Commission is seeking an energetic contractor to provide transportation for at least 2000 kids to various parks and recreation facilities including the historical Detroit Zoo.

The Inkster Housing Commission is seeking an energetic agency to conduct and teach each child to swim.

The contractor will take the children, approximately 2000 on field trips to various locations. A deposit of \$1000 is required to obtain this component.

The contractor must possess liability insurance and workmen's compensation.

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Each contractor must donate a certain amount of time and material to this contract. The contractor must provide arts & crafts, flyers, T-shirts, for all the kids, volunteer workers and coaches.

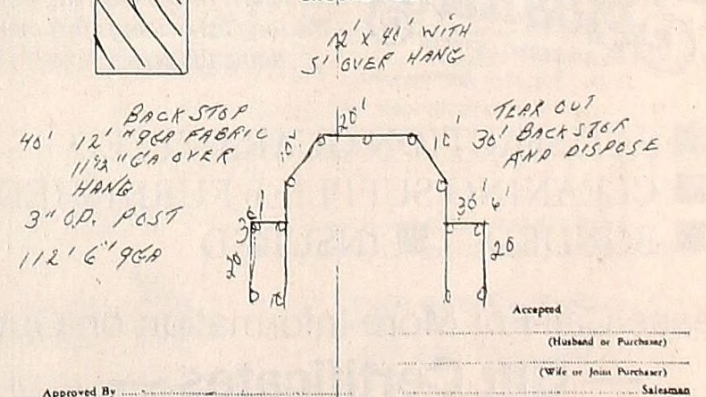
The proposals must be submitted to: Inkster Housing Commission, 4500 Inkster Rd., Inkster, MI 48184 no later than 12:00 p.m., Monday, May 15, 2000.

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Late-inning rally lifts Salem over Glenn

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Rocks roll to 9-4 victory over Rockets

When it counted, Plymouth-Salem got the job done against a Westland John Glenn baseball team that blew opportunity-after-opportunity to the wind in their Western Lakes Conference showdown.

Glenn had two-run cushions twice, and failed to protect their lead; they loaded the bases twice, and again did not capitalize on their opportunities.

It was a frustrating afternoon for the Rockets and their coach.

"Can't say that we didn't have the opportunities against

them," stressed Glenn coach Todd Duffield. "When you load the bases twice in separate innings and don't score, it's frustrating."

Coach, you know you're not supposed to use the 'f', like in frustration, word.

Anyway.

The loss left these atypical Rockets winless this season in the Lakes Division. Glenn began the week with an 0-4 division; 1-6 conference, and a 5-12 overall record.

And they will face the top of the Western Lakes Conference

standings this week. Starting with Farmington on Monday, then Plymouth-Canton on Wednesday and Livonia Stevenson on Friday, there apparently is no light at the end of the tunnel in sight for Duffield.

"We got our work cut out for us this week," he says.

Salem and Glenn exchanged two-runs in the first inning, then the Rockets broke loose for two more in their second and their 4-2 lead held up until the bottom of the fourth with the Rocks came back with three runs to take a 5-4 edge.

Salem coach Dale Rumberger's Rocks sealed it with four big runs in the fifth.

Three consecutive walks to Glenn's Ryan Rattray, after Josh Day was hit with a wild pitch and was later erased in an unsuccessful steal attempt, Dan Fedulchek and Dave Holloway loaded the bases. That series ended Salem starter Mike Thackaberry's cameo appearance on the mound after 2 1/3 innings. However, reliever Chris Trott managed to pitch out of trouble. He also got the win.

Glenn came up empty-handed again after loading the bases in the sixth.

Dave Mijal and Fedulchak each turned in with a pair of hits. Mijal drilled a pair of singles and drove in two runs, while Fedulchak also singled twice and walked.

Salem's Steve Gordon and Ian Wints were the toughest on a trio of Glenn pitchers. Gordon latched on to three hits - all singles, while Ian blasted a double, singled twice and he scored three times.

Duffield started with Jeff

Mitchell on the mound, and Mitchell got into trouble in the first inning as he gave up two runs to the Rocks. Duffield left the senior righthander in the game until the fourth inning, and he took the loss. Mitchell was charged with all nine runs, and eight of the nine Salem hits.

Nate Campbell relieved Mitchell, but was removed after two-thirds of an inning in favor of Tom Howard who finished up.

Earlier last week, Glenn pulled out an extra-inning, 7-6, thriller against Livonia Churchill as Mitchell got

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Bulldogs pick up 1st win in Gold

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Reliever Gary Morris silenced Highland Park's bats Friday afternoon in the final three innings of their Mega Conference, Gold Division encounter to pick up his and the Bulldogs' first divisional victory of the campaign, 9-8.

Morris was called into service after starter Andre Harris complained of a sore arm after pitching to the first two Parkers, and headed for the bench. His replacement, Wendell Winn, also had problems and got into trouble in the fifth when the Parkers struck for five runs to erase the Bulldogs' lead and go ahead, 8-7.

In the bottom of the sixth, Robichaud retaliated. Dave Smith started a two-run rally when he worked the Parker pitcher for a walk. Then, with one-away, Tony Lewis also drew a base on balls and, after a balk that moved the base runners to second and third, Harris came through with a game-tying double.

With the game deadlocked at 8-all, Gary Morris sliced a single into right center field, scoring Lewis from third with the decisive run.

The Bulldogs collected three of their runs in the second, then tallied twice in the third and the fourth frames.

Morris helped his cause with two of the six Robichaud hits. Lewis managed to get aboard three times and scored twice.

Any dream that Robichaud coach Richard Orsetti and the Bulldogs may have harbored in extending their winning streak ended on Saturday when Dearborn Edsel Ford swept both ends of a double-header, 14-1, and 15-5 in a Mega crossover.

Both games were abbreviated under the "mercy rule." (Officials may end the game once a team has a 10-run edge.)

Edsel exploded for 12 runs in the opening inning that led to freshman southpaw Tony Eason early departure from the mound. Orsetti went to Tim Cleveland and Winn for relief, but the damage had already been inflicted.

Edsel's Danny Thomas gave up one hit to the Bulldogs - a fourth inning single to Tony Lewis, who drove in his team's only run.

The T-Birds came through back in the second game and crushed Robichaud with a 11-run bottom of the fourth inning. Andre Harris, who started and worked the first 3 1/3 innings, was charged with the loss. He gave up 10 runs, struck out three and also walked four.

Winn's bat produced two of his team's four hits. He had a pair of singles and also was awarded first on a catcher's in-

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Glenn's Brandon Trygg (photo above) finds himself all alone at the finish line in the 200-meter dash as his opponent from Wayne Memorial stumbles a meter shy of the finish line. Trygg posted one of the Rockets' 11 first places in a lopsided Glenn victory. In the photo below, Glenn's Jeremiah Thornton reaches long to pass the baton to teammate Aaron Short in final lap of the 800-meter relay. Glenn won the event with a 1:36.9. Photos by Carolyn Shough.

Glenn sweeps 11 first places in easy track win over Wayne

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Down but not out John Glenn apparently found a quick fix for what ails its track team.

The prescription was a victory over natural rivals, Wayne Memorial.

Coach Jess Shough's Rockets soared Wayne, 87-52, to claim the Wayne-Westland Community School District track & field championship.

The Westlanders also picked up 11 first places, including three in the relays.

"This was a great team victory to win the city championship," said Shough afterwards. "The guys worked very hard to achieve this goal."

Nick Samples led the Rockets assault on first places in the field events.

Samples had the best performance in the shot put of the afternoon as he claimed



a first with a 42'7 1/2" toss. He also gave the Rockets a first in the discus event. His 127' 41/2" toss was tops in the event.

The Rockets also captured a first in the high jump competition thanks to Darnell Dorris' 5'8" effort,

while Joe Reilly successfully cleared 10'6" to win the pole vault competition.

Glenn's Jeff Albrecht led the field in the 1600-meter run as he toured the course

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No mercy Crestwood crushes Vikings, 15-0

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

First-year Inkster High baseball coach Johnny Graham is learning the hard way how far his Vikings have to go to catch up to the Mega Conference, Gold Division baseball pack.

The Vikings took a pounding on all fronts last week.

Having little, if any, mercy on the new coach, title-hopeful Dearborn Heights Crestwood crushed Inkster, 15-0, in a game called after five due to the "mercy rule."

The victory kept Crestwood

atop of the Gold Division standings.

"I knew we had a lot of work to do to get ourselves prepared for this league, and I guess we now know just how much the program has fallen behind," commented Graham after the Crestwood rout.

The Inkster coach vowed his team would catch up.

Graham said that one of the major problems with the team presently is motivation, that is, the lack of it.

"When you get beaten up game-after-game it's rough on morale," Graham added. "But, you got to give these kids a lot

of credit for not caving in under the stress."

Crestwood took control of the game with an 8-run first inning outburst. The Chargers' Jimmy Haslett fired a one-hitter. The coveted no-hitter eluded the Crestwood starter when he gave up a harmless single to Kendall Fickling.

Graham went with sophomore pitcher Chris Delleh for starters. Delleh faced the first nine Crestwood batters before he was relieved.

The Vikings will play three Mega Conference, Gold Divi-

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Romulus knocked out of 1st place in Mega-Gold

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Six errors cost Mega Gold title-hopeful Romulus a 3-2 loss to Dearborn Heights Crestwood and a share of the divisional lead.

"Those errors and men left stranded on bases were just too much for us to overcome," said Romulus coach Keith Brothers. "But we're not out of this yet."

The loss cut Romulus Mega-Gold winning streak at four. The Eagles were scheduled to meet Fordson on Monday in a "must-win" game. A loss to the Tractors could sound the knell for their title dreams.

Romulus struck first against Crestwood. They put one of their runs on the board in the first inning thanks to Aaron Brohl, who got aboard when the Crestwood shortstop bobbled the ball, moved to second on a stolen base and scored on Ryan Block's two-out single.

Crestwood, held scoreless by starting pitcher Dennis Landskroener in the first four innings, took a 2-1 lead in the fifth, then scored what proved to be the winning run in the seventh.

In the bottom of the seventh, Landskroener kept the Eagles' hopes alive when he reached first on an error, advanced to second via a stolen base, and scored with Robert Belcher's double.

Crestwood reliever Tom Grucz, who was called into ac-

Those errors and men left stranded on bases were just too much for us to overcome, but we're not out of this yet.
- Keith Brothers

tion in the fourth after starter Van Allen was hurt, got the next two batters, then managed to get Aaron Brohl on strikes for the final out.

Landskroener worked the first six innings, struck out eight, walked four. He was touched for five of the six hits before Brohl took over. Landskroener was charged with the loss.

In conference crossover games, Romulus didn't fare well against downriver powers Lincoln Park and Taylor Kennedy.

The Eagles fell to coach Tom Nolan's Railsplitters, 7-4. They also dropped a 12-2 decision to Taylor Kennedy.

Against L.P., the Eagles left eight base runners stranded.

Block, who got off to a shaky start, was the losing pitcher. Lincoln Park jumped on the Romulus starter for three runs in the first inning, scored one

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Scott is medalist in All-City meet

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Although they finished at the bottom of the pack at the annual City Meet, Robichaud managed to share in the limelight of the track & field championships.

Robichaud's Tracy Scott picked up a bronze medal for her performance in the shot put. Her toss of 32' 11 1/2" was the third best toss in the event and she was awarded the bronze.

"We got some excellent performances from some of our athletes who bettered their personal times, but Tracy was the only member of the squad to win a medal," noted Robichaud coach Francis McCauley.

The Bulldogs also came away from Dearborn with a pair of fourth places as Sierra Jones leaped 14' 7 1/2" in the long jump and Denita Fizer cleared the 300-meter hurdles in 52.78.

Edsel Ford and Dearborn Divine Child waged a duel for the city crown, and the T-Birds surfaced with 164.5 points and the Year 2000 title. D. C. was runners-up with 148 points, while Dearborn finished third. The Pioneers had

139.5. Also competing in the City Meet, which involved teams from Dearborn and Dearborn Heights were Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Fordson and Robichaud.

Robichaud tuned up for the city meet with a pair of Mega-White Division meets. The Bulldogs lost to divisional front-runners, Redford Union, 94-41, and to Southgate Anderson, 90-40.

The two losses dropped Robichaud's record to 1-2 in the league.

Scott claimed a first in the shot put (32'11") and second in the discus (80'7") against R. U.

Fizer's 4'8" effort in the high jump competition gave Robichaud its second first place in the field events.

Robichaud also won the 800-meter relay with a line up that included Davania Ball, Marquel Scott, Lauren Trammell and Jones who were clocked in 1:57.2.

McCauley and the Bulldogs are on the road for their next two meets. They visited Allen Park on Tuesday and will head for Trenton this afternoon (Thursday).

Sports Beat

Monroe hands Wayne loss

League-leading Monroe showed Wayne Memorial why it's considered the No. 1 girls' high school golf team in the Mega Conference this year.

The title-bound powerhouse turned back Wayne, 207-249, in a match that saw Wayne's Amber Henn continuing to lead the Zebra pack.

Henn carded a 50 for the 9-holes played at Fellows Creek Golf Course.

However, earlier in the week, coach Carol Newton's golfers managed to emerge with a 235-254 victory over Southgate Anderson.

Henn toured the 9-holes with a low 46, while teammate Erin Scott checked in with a 55.

Hoop City USA hosts tourney

Hoop City USA is seeking local teams for its 5-on-5 youth basketball tournament which will be staged June 10-11 at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

The tournament is open to both boys and girls third through 12th grades.

Each team is guaranteed three games. Contact Frank Wilson or Scott Summers at 1-517-886-2101, extension 13, for further information or to register your team.

More junior hoop action

And if the Hoop USA Tournament isn't the kind of action you're looking for this Spring, try the basketball camps offered in June by Madonna University.

Boys will set up camp at Madonna; the girls will practice at Fairlane Christian.

Madonna University will be staging its All-Star Basketball Camps this summer for boys and girls, ages 8 through 15, beginning June 12 and culminating on July 7.

The camps' features includes guest speakers, camp championship tourneys, a

personal evaluation, shooting instruction, passing and receiving drills, offensive and defensive footwork.

There will be two camps for boys held at Madonna University, both camps will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The first camp for boys will be on June 12 through June 16 and the second camp is slated for June 19 through June 23.

There is a \$130 charge for attending the boys' camp; it's \$120 for the girls' camp at Fairlane Christian.

For more information, call Coach Bernie Holowicki at 734-432-5591 or 734-261-3346.

Madonna University is located in Livonia at I-96 and Levan Road.

Schoolcraft plays hoops

Down the road from Madonna, Schoolcraft College also will be the site of the North American Youth Sports Regional Basketball Tournament. Local teams are invited to compete.

The summer regional junior basketball tournament will be staged from June 16-18 at Schoolcraft.

The tournament will feature 10 different age brackets, both boys and girls, starting from fifth through 12th grades. Of course players will be competing against their peers.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$225 and that fee guarantees each team a minimum of five games. Awards will be presented in each of the brackets.

If you want more information, contact 1-800-787-3265.

By the way, there is an entry deadline set for May 26.

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Romulus runs 3rd at Rice Relays

Eagles continue to lead Mega-Blue track pack

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Undefeated Romulus finished third over-all at the prestigious Birmingham Brother Rice Relays staged Saturday in the best of weather conditions for a track meet, according to the coaches.

Coach Norb Glover's Eagles picked up three gold medals at the 10-team meet that saw host, Rice, capture its own invitational title. Edsel's T-Birds were sandwiched between the first and third place teams.

"There were some excellent teams and individuals here at this meet," said Glover. "We improved our times, but there is still a lot of room for improvement."

Glover put together a winning lineup that consisted of

Woods captured the 200-meter dash with a 23.8 performance.

Henry Staples, Jarvis Jordan, Calib Beasley and Ashley Terry for the 3,200-meter relay. The Eagles combined for a 8:30.0 performance that earned them the first place medal.

Then, in the 1,600-meter relay, Staples, Jordan, Beasley and Terry came back for a 3:23.4, which proved to be the best time in that event.

In the 4 by 100, Fred Harbor, Charles Searcy, Michael Woods and Graves hit paydirt again when they finished in a

respectable 44.5.

Romulus tuned up for the invitational by beating Mega-Blue opponents Southgate Anderson, 97-42.

The Eagles dominated the field events, finishing 1-2-3 in the long jump with David Jones (21'9"), Chris Talley (20'5") and Ray Graves (20'2").

The sweep apparently set the pace for the running events as Terry toured the 800-meters in 1:59, and he also anchored the winning 1,600 meter relay team that also was made up of Beasley, Talley, Isaac Tilman. The foursome turned in a 3:40.

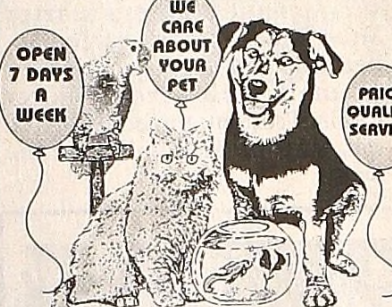
Also, Searcy and Harbor provided the Eagles with a 1-2 finish for the 100-meters. Searcy was clocked in 11.6, while Harbor was a half-step behind at 11.65.

Terry, Beasley, Tilman and Jordan were the winning combination for the 3,200-meter relay as they turned in with a slow 8:47 for the victory. Then, the 400-meter relay team, clocked in 44.71, won the event thanks to Searcy, Harbor, Graves, and Michael Woods.

The Eagles made it a sweep in the relays when they placed first in the 800-meter relay with Talley, Michael Woods, Bruce Donald and Harbor.

Romulus also picked up a pair of firsts with Joey Wasson in the 110-meter hurdles (1:38.0) and David Moonaw, in the discus (123'). Myron Mosby was second in the shot put competition. He had a toss of 41'0".

Woods captured the 200-meter dash with a 23.8 performance.



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Lined up to make a race of it in the 800-meters are Glenn's half-milers Jeff Albrecht (first row) and Mark Parent, and teammates Jeff Ballard (second row) and Tom Kuk. Parent managed to win the event, one of 11 firsts carded by the Rockets against Wayne Memorial. Albrecht finished second in this race. Photo by Carolyn Shough.

Glenn

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in 4:55.0. The Rockets also won the 400-meter dash with Derek Hurst who posted a 54.64 in winning the event, and Mark Parent put the 800-meter run in the Rocket "W" column. He was clocked in 2:09.62. Shough chose Mark Par-

ent, Jeff Albrecht, Steve Jacobs and Tom Kuk for the 3200-meter relay and the foursome responded with the winning time of 9:04.3. The Rockets were also first in the 800-meters as Rob Gentry, Brandon Trygg, Jeremiah Thornton and Aaron Short combined for a 1:36.9 for a first place. In the 1600-meter relay, the Rockets sent Derek

Hurst, Albrecht, Mark Parent and Bennie Oliphant into action. The foursome placed first in 3:42.2. The Rockets will be back in action today (Thursday) as they host Livonia Stevenson in a Western Lakes Conference dual meet. On Saturday, Glenn will travel to Jackson Northwest to participate in a multi-team invitational.

Salem

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credit for the victory. In the eighth, with the game tied at 6-all, Ryan Rattray's grounder to short was successfully fielded, but the toss

to first was wild of the bag, allowing Josh Day to score the winning run. Brandon Ajlouny, Mitchell, and Day accounted for three hits each, while Fedulchak had a two (singles) for three day at the plate. Duffield started Mijal, who worked the first 2 1/3 innings,

gave up five runs and five hits while striking out one and issuing one base on balls. Campbell took over and pitched 1 1/3 innings before he handed the ball over to Mitchell. Mitchell held the Chargers scoreless. Churchill got two hits off Mitchell.

Gold

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in the fourth and wrapped up the victory with a three-run sixth. Although the Eagles rallied in the bottom of the seventh for two runs, winning pitcher Brad Clair then settled down and got out the side. In that seventh, Chris Deaton walked and scored Ro-

mulus' first run of the inning when Belcher tripped down the right field line. He scored when catcher Justin Goodman doubled. Goodman was left on base when Clair got the next two batters. In the two-run Romulus fourth, Block was struck by a wild pitch, and an unsuccessful pickoff attempt moved him to third. Brohl then walked, and Ricky Foster then drilled a single and he eventually scored when Keith Timbrooks

also sliced a single. Goodman wound up with three hits, a double and a pair of singles and Foster was a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate with two singles and a triple. Taylor Kennedy jolted Romulus 12-2 in the first of a twin bill and came back to win the nightcap, 11-7. In the first game, Kufel collected a double, single and walk, and in the second game, three players - Block, Foster and Kufel - all collected three hits.

Mercy

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sion games this week. Starting on Monday, weather permitting, Inkster took the home field against natural rival, Robichaud. Then, on Wednesday, they traveled to Romulus, a team that lost a 3-2 thriller to Crestwood last week. Finally, on Friday, Graham and the Vikings will wrap up the week against River Rouge, a club that also is mired in the depths of the division standings.

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Bulldogs

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ference call. In his fifth season as head coach, Orsetti says that he is not disappointed with his team's slow start. "The bulk of this year's lineup are freshmen and sophomores. We have a couple of seniors," the Robichaud coach noted. "This is a talented team, but a team that also has a lot of learning to do." The Bulldogs face three Gold Division opponents this week. They began the week at Inkster where they will be getting a look at newly-appointed coach Johnny Graham's Vikings. Then, yesterday, they

In his fifth season as head coach, Orsetti says that he is not disappointed with his team's slow start.

clashed with the Red Raiders of Ecorse and on Friday the Bulldogs have a return engagement with Romulus, a team that lost two key divisional games last week and is definitely going to have problems getting back into the Gold Division title race. "And they (Romulus) may want to take their frustration out on us," Orsetti noted.



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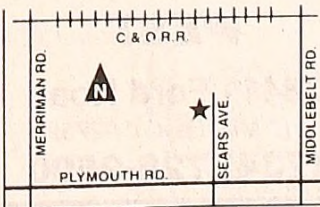
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4 Doctors are honored by Wayne State University

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Four extraordinary doctors were cited for their leadership and visionary efforts that have led to both increased quality and availability of medicine in the Metro area.

Those honored by Wayne State University's School of Medicine on May 11 were: Marjorie Peebles-Meyers, Arthur Porter, Charles Whitten and Charles Wright.

Peebles-Meyers was honored for conquering many obstacles to become one of the

first African-American woman doctors in the Detroit area.

Porter was cited for his role as president and CEO of the Detroit Medical Center and for his efforts in gaining full participation by minorities and women at the DMC. Whitten was also cited both

for his nationally known efforts in sickle cell anemia field and his work in establishing a program to gain more African-American students in medical schools.

Wright was honored for his efforts in integrating hospital admissions as well as preserving African-American history.

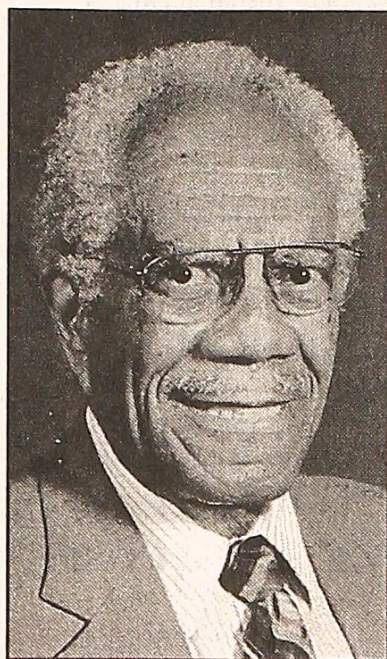
Awards were presented at 6 p.m. May 11 by Carolyn Clifford, WXYZ's Healthy Living reporter, at Comerica Park. Tickets cost \$125 and will include dinner. For reservations call 313-577-1495.



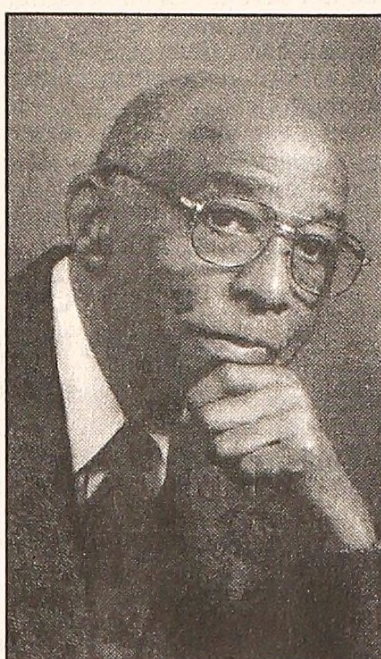
Marjorie Peebles-Meyers



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THE CITY OF INKSTER will receive bids at the OFFICE OF THE CLERK, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141 until 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 25, 2000 at which time and place bids will be opened and read for the following:

CLEANING OF AIR CONVEYANCE SYSTEM AT CITY HALL AND INKSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Specifications will be available after 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2000 from the Purchasing Department, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141. Questions regarding the specifications should be directed to Muzaffar Lakhani Department of Public Service Director at (313) 563-9773, Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

THE CITY OF INKSTER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, TO AWARD SPLIT BIDS, AND TO WAIVE ANY IRREGULARITIES OR ACCEPT ANY BID IT MAY DEEM TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY OF INKSTER.

Kimberly Turner
City Clerk
City of Inkster
2121 Inkster Road
Inkster, Michigan 48141

PUBLISH: MAY 11, 2000

CITY OF INKSTER INVITATION FOR BIDS

THE CITY OF INKSTER will receive bids at the OFFICE OF THE CLERK, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141 until 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 25, 2000 at which time and place bids will be opened and read for the following:

INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONES AND SERVICE FOR THE INKSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT LOCK-UP FACILITY

Specifications will be available after 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2000 from the Purchasing Department, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141. Questions regarding the specifications should be directed to Sgt. Greg Hill, Support Service Supervisor, Inkster Police Department at (313) 563-9850 ext. 115, Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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CHEMICAL TREATMENT OF FEED PUMPS AND POT FEEDERS OF COOLING SYSTEMS AND BOILERS

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CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 99/00-89

DUST CONTROL

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Kristian Moe, Purchasing/Computer Services Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (734) 942-7564.
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., May 16, 2000. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE MARKED:

CITY CLERK
CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN
BID 99/00-89
DUST CONTROL
11111 WAYNE ROAD
ROMULUS, MI 48174-1472

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

A bid bond is not required. A performance bond in the amount of the bid will be required at contract signing.

Publish: May 11, 2000

CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 99/00-90

THREE NEW HVAC ROOF UNITS AT FIRE STATION #4, 28777 EUREKA

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BID ENVELOPES MUST BE MARKED:

CITY CLERK
CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN
BID 99/00-90
THREE NEW HVAC ROOF UNITS AT
FIRE STATION #4, 28777 EUREKA
11111 WAYNE ROAD
ROMULUS, MI 48174-1472

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CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 99/00-91

REPLACE CRACKED/HEAVED DRIVE AND WALK AT FIRE STATION #4, 28777 EUREKA

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BID ENVELOPES MUST BE MARKED:

CITY CLERK
CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN
BID 99/00-91
REPLACE CRACKED/HEAVED DRIVE AND WALK AT
FIRE STATION #4, 28777 EUREKA
11111 WAYNE ROAD
ROMULUS, MI 48174-1472

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A bid bond is not required. A performance bond in the amount of the bid will be required at contract signing.

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CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 99/00-88

BURGLAR AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEM FOR NEW DPW BUILDING

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CITY CLERK
CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN
BID 99/00-88
BURGLAR AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEM
FOR NEW DPW BUILDING
11111 WAYNE ROAD
ROMULUS, MI 48174-1472

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Mayor William Oakley (second from left) joined local religious leaders last Thursday at the city's annual National Day of Prayer activities at the Veterans' Memorial. Also shown in the photo are the Rev. Steve Adams, Bishop Lovell Wooden and Rev. Rita Talley. MCN Photo by Al Post.

World Day of Prayer marks 10 years here

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Approximately 20 Romulus clergymen, Christian lay persons (including Mayor William Oakley) and others joined in the 10th annual World Day of Prayer service outside Romulus City Hall last Thursday. The service -- similar to thousands of others held around the nation -- was conducted at noon next to the Romulus Veterans Memorial and lasted about 45 minutes.

Among the other attendees were 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley and City Recreation Director Debbie Dick.

The annual program was conducted by Victor Parker, NDP coordinator from Romulus Wesleyan Church and

the Rev. Arthur Willis, president of the city's Ministerial Association and pastor of the Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church.

Other participants included the Rev. Rita Talley of the First Baptist Church, the Rev. Steve Adams of the Romulus Wesleyan Church; Bishop Lovell Wooden of the Beverly House of God; and Major Brian Merritt of the local Salvation Army Adult Recreation Center.

The theme of the noontime prayer session came from Jeremiah 29:12-13. *"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek with all your heart."*

Tent revival slated to open this summer

A Plymouth Full Gospel Church -- bearing plans to create a new church facility in Romulus -- has received an okay from the Romulus City Council to conduct a summer tent revival series this summer at their Ecorse Road property.

Pastor Frank Howard revealed three or four evangelists will join local church

members in a revival series from July 26-Aug. 20.

A youth revival also is slated from Sept. 3-10. The property is located at 33200 Ecorse Road.

Howard told the council the Full Gospel Church hopes to break ground for their planned Romulus church in the next month or two.

Methodists plan newspaper boycott

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The United Methodist Church denomination -- that lists about 200,000 members in Michigan -- announced this week they plan to boycott the USA Today newspaper that is published by the Gannett newspaper chain.

According to a statement from Michigan United Methodist Bishop Donald Ott it was announced "I hope it will be the decisive factor in bringing discussions, negotiations and resolution to this troubling labor situation that has lasted far too long."

Ott's comments came after representatives of the 8.4 million member denomination voted to push for a final settle-

ment of the 1995 strike.

The bishop added "This is consistent with long standing United Methodist social principles on labor relations with management and worker rights."

It is expected that the boycott effort will be announced in next week's edition of the Michigan Christian Advocate, the official United Methodist newspaper.

Other printed publications created by the Methodists and various verbal means will be used to spread the planned boycott effort.

The boycott is a national drive that follows the Methodists' earlier effort for boycotting both the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press.

The Methodists are now

holding an international meeting in Cleveland to address a number of major social and religious issues.

No official word has been released as to who his successor will be.

It was announced earlier that Ott will be honored this

summer by Michigan United Methodists, as he plans to step down from the top Methodist post in the state.

No official word has been released as to who his successor will be.

Ott is best known outside of his denomination as the man who served as foreman of the jury that found Jack Kevorkian not guilty in an assisted suicide case in Michigan several years ago.

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR EYEWITNESS THIS SUNDAY!

CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 99/00-87

BUSINESS TELEPHONES AND NETWORK CABLING FOR NEW DPW BUILDING

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CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN
BID 99/00-87
BUSINESS TELEPHONES AND NETWORK CABLING
FOR NEW DPW BUILDING
11111 WAYNE ROAD
ROMULUS, MI 48174-1472

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Publish: May 11, 2000

NOTICE

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS AND THE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELEC- TION AND SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2000

To the qualified Electors of the City of Romulus and the Romulus Community School District, County of Wayne, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that, in conformity with the "Michigan Election Laws," I, the undersigned City Clerk, will upon any day EXCEPT Sunday, a legal holiday, and the day of any regular or special election, shall receive for registration the name of any resident not registered, who may APPLY for such registration EXCEPT during the time intervening between the CLOSE of Registration for the Special Election and the day of such election.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that voter registrations will be taken at any Secretary of State branch office or, in the Office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485 between the hours of:

Monday thru Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
AND THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER
Monday, May 15, 2000 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For the purpose of REVIEWING THE REGISTRATION LIST AND REGISTERING such of the qualified electors that shall properly apply therefor, the name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the City of Romulus, at the time of registration, and entitled under the Constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election shall be entered in the registration book.

The following vacancies for member of the Board of Education will be voted upon in the Romulus Community School District:

TWO (2) FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS

and the following proposals:

Proposals "1" "2" and "3" will be voted upon by the qualified electors in the City of Romulus:

CITY OF ROMULUS PROPOSED CHARTER QUESTION

PROPOSAL 1

"Shall Section 13.2 of Chapter XIII of the Romulus City Charter, entitled "Material Purchases," be amended to increase from Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) to Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,250), the amount of any contracts for the purchase of any material, tools, apparatus or any other things which may be entered into by the City without first advertising for sealed bids, provided that after the year 2001, City Council may establish by resolution from time to time a greater amount which shall not exceed the increase in the Consumer Price Index as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor."

YES [] NO []

PROPOSAL 2

"Shall Section 13.3 of Chapter XIII of the Romulus City Charter, entitled "Specifications", be amended to increase from One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000), the amount of any public improvement contracts which may be entered into by the City without drawings, profiles and estimates being submitted to City Council and approved but it prior to commencement, provided that after the year 2001, City Council may establish by resolution from time to time a greater amount which shall not exceed the increase in the Consumer Price Index as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor."

YES [] NO []

PROPOSAL 3

"Shall Section 13.4(a) of Chapter XIII of the Romulus City Charter, be amended to increase from One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000), the amount of any contracts for any public improvements or for the purchase of any material, tools, apparatus, or any thing or things which may be entered into by the City without first obtaining approval by a majority of Council, provided that after the year 2001, City Council may establish by resolution from time to time a greater amount which shall not exceed the increase in the Consumer Price Index as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor."

YES [] NO []

This Notice is given by order of the City of Romulus and the Board of Education of Romulus Community Schools, County of Wayne, Michigan.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: May 7, 2000
May 11, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM 2000/20001 PROGRAM YEAR FINAL STATEMENT

Pursuant to federal guidelines, the City of Romulus decided on February 14, 2000, to submit the following projects for funding from the 2000/2001 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	FUNDING:
Street Landscaping	City-wide	\$50,000.00
Senior Computer Program	Romulus High School	\$ 3,600.00
Historic Rehabilitation	11147 Hunt Street	\$68,400.00
Romulus Arts Council/ Cultural Enrichment program	City Wide	\$ 4,000.00
Administration (10%)	City Wide	\$14,000.00
TOTAL ALLOCATION:		\$140,000.00

The City of Romulus can expect to receive an additional allocation of \$50,000.00 for "Housing Rehabilitation" and approximately \$30,000.00 will be generated in Program Income from re-paid Housing Rehabilitation liens. The City can expend no more than a maximum of 10% for Administrative costs to operate the CDBG Program.

The above activities will meet HUD objectives by benefitting low and moderate income families, preserving deteriorating housing stock and enhancing parks and public facilities.

Publish: May 11, 2000

CITY OF ROMULUS MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD APRIL 6, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by William Wadsworth, Chairman Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Donald Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth
Absent: None
Excused: Randolph Gear

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
William Oakley, Mayor
Terrance Hermenau, Deputy Treasurer
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Morris to accept the agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

2A. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to move into executive session. Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councilman Wadsworth leaves at 7:00 p.m.

2B. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to reconvene to open meeting. Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrance Hermenau, Deputy Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Terrance Hermenau, Deputy Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 6, 2000.

Terrance Hermenau, Deputy Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: May 11, 2000

BUNICH, ANGELINE CARR, EMMA L. COGSWELL, IVA HATTIE DELONG, STEVEN R. GREEN, THOMAS RICHARD HELMER, DANIEL P. JOHNSON, ENID LEWIS, GEORGE C. LING, FU CHING NABORS, JEREMY RAY ROETTGER, EVELYN A. WITWER, CLARISSA ZUNICH, ANGELINE

CARR, EMMA "LOUISE"

Age 74, of Canton. Passed away Saturday, April 22, 2000 at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, Michigan. She was born November 22, 1925, in Calloway County, Kentucky, the Daughter of Lawson and Mary Lucy (Holt) Fennell. On May 11, 1946, she was married William Howell Wayne Carr and he preceded her in death on September 11, 1986. Ms. Carr accepted the Lord as her Savior on December 18, 1960 at the Community Free Will Baptist Church in Westland where she has been a faithful member. She will always be remembered as a devoted and loving mother and grandmother. Survivors include 3 daughters; Glenda (David) Fletcher, Gloria Block and Brenda Carr; 3 grandchildren: Cindy Lietz, Mandy Block and Tommy Simo; 3 great

grandchildren: Anthony William, Zachary Joseph, and Hailey McKenzie Lietz; 3 sisters and 1 brother: Betty Goad, Carlene Williams, Homer Fennell, Gladys Cox and Lorene Lovett; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by 1 grandson: Billy Block and 1 brother, Paul Lawson. Funeral service will be held Thursday, April 27, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Free Will Baptist Church, Cherry Hill Rd., Westland, MI with Pastor Jimmy Lawson officiating. Burial will follow in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland, MI. Contributions in Mrs. Carr's memory may be made to the Community Free Will Baptist Church.

COGSWELL, IVA HATTIE

Age 89, of Westland, passed away on May 1, 2000. Beloved wife of the late Lloyd Cogswell. Survived by 2 children, 3 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Services were held May 4. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

DELONG, STEVEN R.

Age 35, of Osceola Twp., passed away April 29, 2000. Beloved husband of Dawn Marie. Survived by 3 sisters, 5

brothers, and 2 children. Services were held on May 3. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

GREEN, THOMAS RICHARD

Age 66, of Highland, passed away April 25, 2000. Beloved husband of Edna. Survived by 2 sons, 2 granddaughters, 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Cremation arrangements by Bakers of Milford.

HELMER, DANIEL P.

Age 50, of Romulus, passed away on May 5, 2000. Beloved husband of Alice Fay. Survived by 3 sisters and brothers, 2 daughters, and 3 grandchildren. Services were held on May 8. Funeral arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

JOHNSON, ENID

Age 66, of Westland, passed away May 3, 2000. Beloved wife of the late Wilford Jr. Survived by 2 sisters, 1 brother, 7 children and 1 grandchild. Services were held on May 5. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

LEWIS, GEORGE CLAYTON

Age 51, of Canton, passed away on April 28, 2000. Beloved son

of the late George and Lillian Lewis. Survived by 1 brother, 1 sister, and 1 son. Services were held May 2. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home of Westland.

LING, FU CHING

Age 86, of Belleville, passed away May 5, 2000. Beloved wife of Hin Kan Vai. Survived by 4 children, 13 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild. Cremation arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

NABORS, JEREMY RAY

Age 28, of Belleville, passed away May 4, 2000. Beloved son of Raymond and Deanna Wheeler and the late Eugene M. Nabors. Survived by 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Services were held May 8. Funeral arrangements by Crane Funeral Home of Romulus.

PERRY, EILEEN E.

Age 88, of Romulus, passed away May 6, 2000. Survived by one brother, Leonard Eagan, 7 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren. Services were held May 10. Arrangements by Crane Funeral Home of Romulus.

ROETTGER, EVELYN A.

Age 86, of Plymouth, passed away May 4, 2000. Beloved wife of the late Louis Roettger, loving mother of Lois Binder. Also survived by 1 brother, 2 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. Private Cremation Services arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home of Plymouth.

WITWER, CLARISSA

Age 96, of Ann Arbor, passed away May 5, 2000. Survived by

1 daughter, 1 grandchild, and 2 great-grandchildren. Services held on May 10. Funeral arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home of Plymouth.

ZUNICH, ANGELINE

Age 79, of Wayne Passed away on April 8, 2000. Survived by sister-in-law Vera. Preceded in death by sister Mary Grahek. Nieces and Nephews, many. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements by John N. Santeiu & Son, Funeral Home.

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Letters

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more.

In reply to Mrs. Hargraves' comment on the Ford Motor Company land deal: The investigation into the claims of Councilwoman Powser was initiated by the Warfield Administration.

I attended the meetings of that kangaroo court.

At the very first meeting, two Task Force members stated that they "should not even be here in session because all of the allegations are false". One was a minister now departed from our town. They were not there to review facts, only to uphold the oligarchs.

The following is a list of documents presented to the Task Force for investigation:

The Task Force had a copy of a bank statement showing a deposit of \$403,520.00, with a balance of \$00.00. Would your bank statement show a balance of \$00.00 after your deposit of \$403,520.00, Mrs. Hargraves?

The Task Force had 4 different copies of the remittance advice from Ford Motor Company to the City. The remittance advice was attached to the bottom of the check. The Task Force had 2 different copies of the same invoice from the City to Ford Motor Company. The Task Force has 2 different copies of the same purchase order from Ford Motor Company to the City. No one has ever explained why these documents are so different, when copies should be identical?

Three members of the Task Force wanted to investigate these strikingly obvious differences. The 4 staunchly administration supporting members immediately shut down the Task Force by accepting the already composed final report.

One Task Force member publicly called the investigation a farce.

In spite of the "Hollywood Theatricals" staged in the Community Center, that inquiry is not closed in my mind.

Mrs. Hargraves: please pursue your concern for a charter

change to give Wayne citizens the right to elect their mayor. The oligarchs must pass on. The young and the newcomers must have their turn. The citizens need them to come forward.

Charles W. Johnson

Why Durtka refused to settle with Romulus

To the Editor:

Some people in the community have requested that a letter be sent explaining the reasons why my wife and I responded the way that we have after receiving a couple of appearance tickets from the Romulus ordinance department awhile back.

Really, ladies and gentlemen, it's all about the "big picture." And what is that? Well, it certainly isn't about me or my wife. If it were, we could have instantly worked out a little 'deal' and been immediately done with the whole thing for under \$100. But that wouldn't be in line with the big picture.

You see, my friends, the big picture considers what has happened before (the past), what is happening now (the present) and what may happen in the days to come (the future). The big picture is also just as much spiritual as it is physical. The big picture always has an eye trained towards eternity as it deals with the big questions, how do I take a stand for what is right and still demonstrate love? How can I show respect for authority and yet still demand accountability? Issues such as these.

Had my wife and I taken a 'deal', we could have spared ourselves much pain and suffering. Obviously. But what a terrible loss we would have experienced!

We never would, have had the honor of proclaiming the rights that so many have given their lives for us to enjoy.

We never would have learned about all the wonderful law that is really on our (the citizen's) side.

We never would have met

others who are fighting to preserve liberties for future generations;

We never would have gained the knowledge that we now have about the "legal process" and "justice system."

These are precious benefits that are never planned for and not many experience. They have life-time implications, because they are part of the big picture.

The problem is, every time we are silent when our public servants break the law or an institution violates our federal and/or state constitution, we grow that much closer to losing our most precious heritage-liberty. And we will leave our children to the slave master if we don't act each and every day. Consider the following:

"The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil constitution are worth defending at all hazards: And it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. We have received them as a fair inheritance from our worthy ancestors. They purchased them for us with toil and danger and expense of treasure and blood; and transmitted them to us with care and diligence. It will bring an everlasting mark of infamy on the present generation, enlightened as it is, if we should suffer them to be wrested from us by violence without a struggle; or be cheated out of them by the artifices of false and designing men. Of the latter we are in most danger at present. Let us therefore be aware of it. Let us contemplate our forefathers and posterity and resolve to maintain the rights bequeathed to us from the former, for the sake of latter. Instead of sitting down satisfied with the efforts we have already made, which is the wish of our enemies, the necessity of the times, more than ever, calls for our utmost circumspection, deliberation, fortitude and perseverance. Let us remember that if we suffer tamely a lawless attack upon our liberty, we encourage it, and involve others in our doom. It is a very serious consideration, which should deeply impress our minds, that millions yet unborn may be the miserable sharers in the event.

(Emphasis per original) - Samuel Adams, 1771

My friends, the very same issues are with us today because it's the same old battle. Either man is made in the image of God and is therefore endowed with unalienable rights or man is nothing more than a human resource to be used and controlled by those who make and enforce the rules and laws as they go along. Which view is the one this country was founded upon?

Dear friends, my wife and I are very limited people - limited in finances, ability, knowledge, status, strength, wisdom; beset by sins. In other words, not exactly the sharpest tools in the shed. But we followed our God. And I believe the greatest and most honorable thing we can do for our community and our children is to take back our liberties; one by one.

That is why I am leaving my phone number so that like-minded people may contact me. Perhaps you've sensed a fundamental rights issue is being violated in our community

and want to deal with it. Maybe your own personal liberties have been unlawfully encroached upon. I know this: Whatever happened to you can easily happen to me.

Liberty was fought with the principle of, "We must hang together or we most assuredly will hang separately." It's too overwhelming to go it along." Our enemy understands this. So must we.

Good citizens, you know in your hearts that the "garage sale ordinance" is an unlawful intrusion upon your absolute right to own property (ownership includes use and disposal). You know it's unconstitutional. What do you say we grab back a little liberty? We can repeal it through petition, challenge it in the courts, or maybe mass civil disobedience. But whichever way we choose, let's choose it together.

Most sincerely,
Michael H. Durtka

Former mayor requests report on incinerator

To the Editor:

The efforts being made by the Mayor and Council of the city of Westland to pay the contractual obligations to Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority within the present tax structure is laudable. It removes the necessity to ask the voters approval to extent the one (1) mill levy approved by the voters in 1985.

It does not remove the responsibility of the mayor and council to request a complete and concise report on the waste-to-energy program instituted in 1995. Many questions need answers. If the mayor and city council fail to request this report, many more questions may surface.

This is presented as a formal request for a full report on the 'Waste-to-Energy' C.W.C.S.A. co-operative operation.

Thank you,
Thomas H. Brown

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